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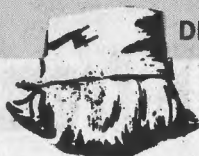
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Dear CRACKED,  
THE CRACKED WORLD OF VACATIONS was sparking entertainment with tingly bubbles of effervescent humor throughout. Nice job.

Jim Polishchuk  
Marville, N.J.

Dear Jim,  
Speaking of jobs, you don't by any chance, happen to work for a soda company?

\* \* \*

Dear CRACKED,  
I'm amazed. How can CRACKED keep giving us great writing, top-notch art, free iron-ons, super posters and a whole lot more for just 75¢ an issue?

Jane Morris  
Alexandria, Va.

Dear Jane,  
Funny. That's what our accountant keeps asking us.

\* \* \*

Dear CRACKED,  
Can you tell me who wrote that hilarious piece UPDATED PUNCHLINES TO OLD JOKES in CRACKED #173?

Dwayne Rottman  
Hanover, N.H.

Dear Dwayne,  
Certainly. It was one of our talented writers.

\* \* \*

Dear CRACKED,  
My father is a metal worker and he says that CRACKED uses some of the finest staples in the magazine industry. Is it possible to get a larger number of these to surprise him with?

John Albertini  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear John,  
Certainly. Just send us \$6.00 for a subscription and we'll mail you 8 big issues—that's 16 quality staples in all.



Dear CRACKED,  
I like that new feature of yours, HANG-UPS and noticed that it's being drawn by Cathy Severin. By any chance, is this a RELATIVE of the famous CRACKED artist?

Joe Bennett  
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Joe,  
You guessed it. It's Bill Ward's son.

\* \* \*

Dear CRACKED,  
CRACKED's NEW SIDEWALK, STREET AND PLAYGROUND GAMES was a gem. I split my sides laughing over STEAL THE YOUNG MAN'S BUNDLE and DESIGNER BLIND MAN'S BLUFF broke me up altogether.

Eugene Simock  
Abberville, La.

Dear Eugene,  
Sorry about that. We didn't think the article would be so destructive.



Dear CRACKED,  
Would you settle an argument my brother and I are having? Which is older—the Kremlin in Moscow or the jokes used in CRACKED LOOKS AT A BIG CITY OFFICE?

Mitchell and Larry Ritzman  
Chestnut Hill, Pa.

Dear Mitchell and Larry,  
Wise guys! May you both be smeared with cheese and then locked in a room with 8 ravenous Mousekeeters!

\* \* \*



Dear CRACKED,  
A quick joke. What do you call a hen that swallows a slinky?

Gloria Konigsberg  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Gloria,  
A spring chicken?

\* \* \*

Dear CRACKED,  
UPDATED PUNCHLINES TO OLD JOKES and IF REAGAN BECOMES PRESIDENT; somehow those two articles seemed to belong in the same issue.

Howard Golash  
Kettering, Ohio

Dear Howard,  
No comment.

Who are you guys anyway?







Dear CRACKED,

This may seem a bit dumb, but I'm lost somewhere near Scottsdale, Arizona (see enclosed map) and haven't seen a soul in hours to ask directions of. There is, however, a mailbox nearby and I thought maybe if I wrote you guys, you could print directions for me in an upcoming issue and get me out of here.

Still waiting  
somewhere near Scottsdale,  
Arizona

Dear Still,

You're right! This letter does seem a bit dumb. After all, we've never even BEEN to Scottsdale, so how would we KNOW how to get OUT of it?

\* \* \*



Dear CRACKED,

To lift a line from a recent Carly Simon song—"Nobody Does It Better!" That is, nobody does movie satires better than CRACKED. Case in point, THE EMPIRE STRIKES OUT. It was as good as the movie itself (and that was pretty darn good). Will there be a sequel?

Barry Fontenot  
Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Dear Barry,

To the movie? Ask George Lucas. To the satire? Just turn to page 6 and see what we do to the STAR WARS gang this time.

\* \* \*

Dear CRACKED,

After reading HOW GOVERNMENT CAN CUT SPENDING, I got to thinking of some additional ways you missed and came up with a can't-miss one. Simply fire all the politicians on Capitol Hill who aren't doing an honest day's work. That would save millions!

Mary Fenimore  
Brockport, N.Y.

Dear Mary,

And probably turn Washington into a ghost town.

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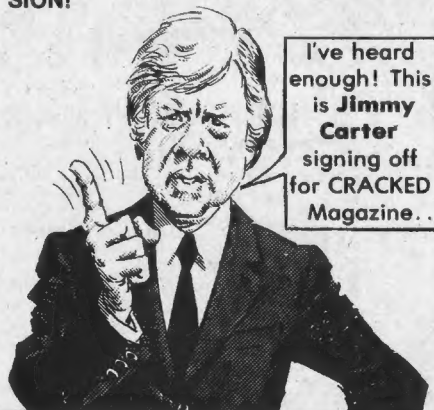
Dear CRACKED,

CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE MULTICINEMA KING was a REEL treat.

Bo Raeside,  
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Dear Bo,

Nice of you to make that ADMISION!



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When someone is "HOT"—producers, writers, publishers, executives and businessmen of all types will do anything to use him or her in any capacity possible. Sometimes these tie-ins are justified and other times they're just plain dumb, as you'll soon see when CRACKED takes America's latest "hot properties" and shows you how different industries are

# EXPLOITING THE STAR WARS FIGURES TO THEIR FULLEST

## MOVIES

Between STAR WARS sagas, producers figure that Lea and the rest will want to work to keep themselves occupied, so they've been offering them parts in every conceivable type picture including remakes and sequels such as —

You remember the romance!  
You remember the suffering!  
You remember the story that thrilled millions.  
Now it's back again as Paramount presents

## GONE WITH THE WIND II

This time starring Princess Lea in the role made famous by Vivian Leigh.

Miss Scarlet, where are you?

Over here. In Vivian Leigh's roll.



And Darth Vader in the role made famous by Clark Gable.

Rhett. You're home.

Please Scarlet. Don't grab my cheeks. You'll leave smudges!



Follow their new adventures as they remarry and have another child.

Mercy me! He looks just like his father.



...and occasionally have a disagreement or two —

I'm not taking out the garbage.

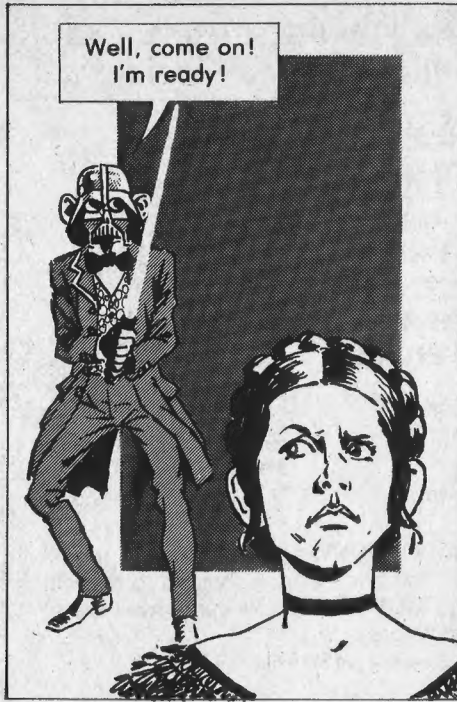
Well someone has to! There's 64 bagsful sitting in the living room.

Is this going to turn into another fight between us?

I'm afraid so.







Well, come on!  
I'm ready!

# It's all here and more in **GONE WITH THE WIND** II

Starts Friday  
everywhere!

(In fact, we'll  
even bring it  
over and show  
it on your  
basement wall.)

And then there's...

They said **NO**  
one could  
play the  
role like  
**Marlon Brando!**  
No one,  
that is  
until they  
saw...



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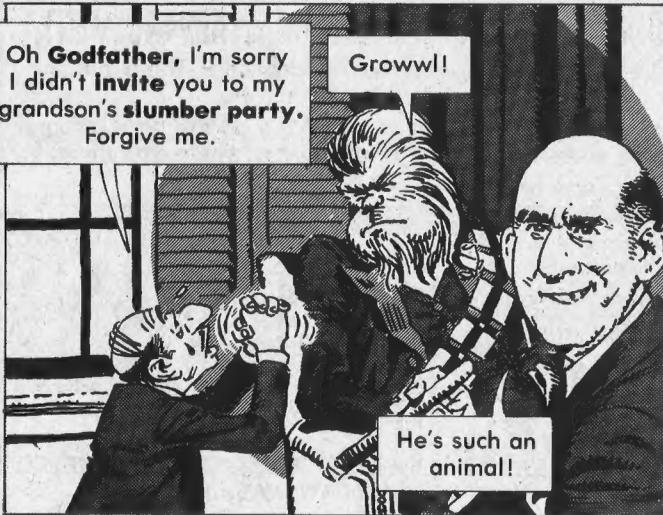
**THE  
GODFATHER**

It's more than a remake!  
It's a major star giving the performance of **HIS LIFE!**

Oh **Godfather**, I'm sorry  
I didn't **invite** you to my  
grandson's **slumber party**.  
Forgive me.

Growwl!

He's such an  
animal!



The story of a man and **HIS 3 SONS**

Pop, I'm gonna take my **two brothers** here  
with me to the **Fettucini Festival** if it's ok.

Growl!



And the great practical jokes **THEY USED** to play.

Yeh, operator. My pop wants to send a **Candy-gram** to  
his **friend** in **Hollywood**... right, only instead of the  
**chocolate-covered raisins**, he'd like you to **substi-**  
**tute** a **horse's head**.



# IT'S THE GODFATHER!

Acme Rug  
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Service.

Good... **GODFATHER**,  
**YOUR**  
**BATH IS READY!!**



Coming soon to a theatre near you!

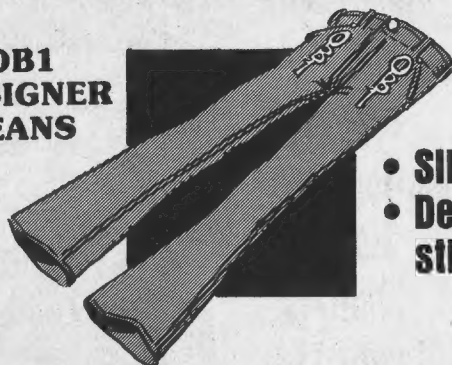


## MANUFACTURING

And of course, manufacturers will try and tie-in with the **EMPIRE STRIKES BACK** stars wherever they can (no matter how dumb or remote the tie-in may seem).

### AVAILABLE AT LAST!

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- Designer stitching

And if you find yourself having a rough time getting into them, just use **THE FORCE**—the force of your two hands pulling them up over your fat little legs.

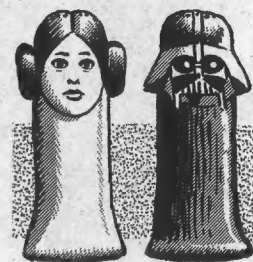
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introduces our exclusive

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- Stylish
- Expensive



Salt      Pepper

Now, **shake** a little **STAR WARS** into everything you eat. The perfect salt and pepper shakers to go with our solid gold **STAR WARS** dinnerware. Available at fine stores everywhere.

(And also not-so-fine stores that just sell expensive things.)

At last a fragrance worthy of an important woman like you.

"Odor De Tawntawn Perfume"



A fragrance like none you've ever smelled before.

Not the typical, boring flower-scented perfume, but rather more like the exciting scent of rotting garbage baking in the hot sun in one of New York City's poshest alleyways.

"Odor De Tawntawn"

He'll know you have it on.

Is your child doing as well in school as he should?

Then come to the

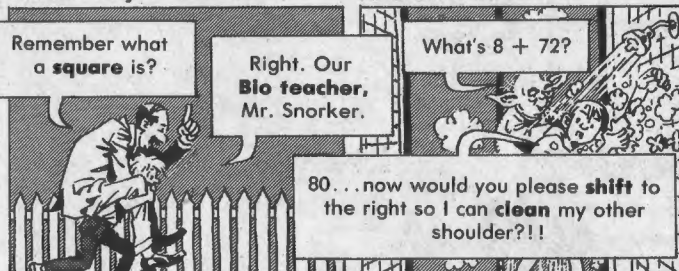
#### YODA SCHOOL FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT.

This is **not** an ordinary learning institute. There are **no** books and **no** boring classroom sessions.

Instead, each YSFEA instructor rides on the back of our pupils instructing them 24 hours a day wherever they go.

On the way to school...

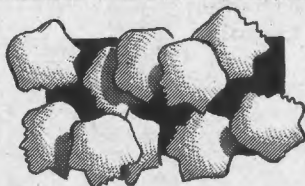
And at home...



The YODA SCHOOL FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT—look under "Bubblebrain" in the yellow pages for the school nearest you.

### Now eating vegetables is FUN again with LUKE SKYWALKER LIMA BEANS.

Each bean has been specially designed and grown to look exactly like that great hero of **THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK**.



Oh, these lima beans are still nutritious and still as awful tasting as ever, but thanks to their great shape, it'll be mouthfuls before your family realizes what they're even eating.

—available now at your grocer.

**Luke Skywalker Lima Beans**

And coming soon

**Luke Skywalker Japanese Vegetables.**

### For that touch of elegance it's CHEWBACCA FURS

Long design for evening wear



Short design (with hood) for fun and play



The same kind of coat **EMPIRE** film star Chewbacca wears.

It looks, feels and smells just like his.



# TV

And, on TV, you'll find your **STAR WARS** friends all over the place.

As guests on ailing shows like *The Waltons*.

**Yoda-boy**, would you help your sister **mop** the cows?

Yes. mom.

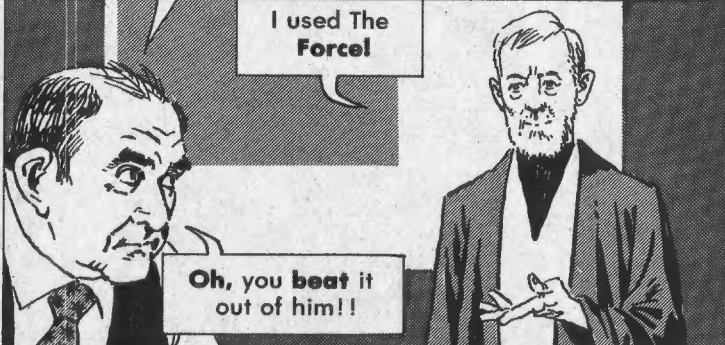


And on hit shows like *Lou Grant*.

So **you're** that new reporter, **Ben Obl**. I like the **byline** and I liked that **story** you did in today's paper. But how did you get that **politician** to admit to all that **graft** and **corruption**?

I used **The Forcel**

Oh, you **beat** it out of him!!



On pilots for projected new series like these scenes from *THE RETURN OF THE LONE RANGER*.

...In a cloud of dust and a hearty

Hi-Ho **Silver** and away!

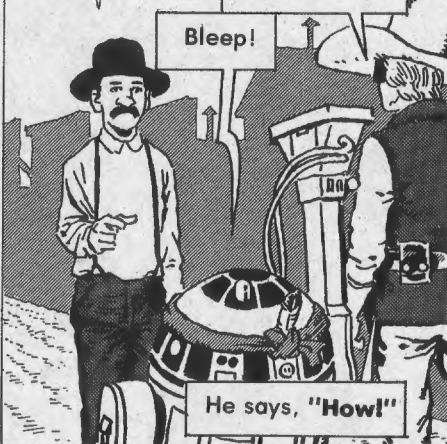


Who's your friend?

My faithful Indian companion, **Tonto**.

Bleep!

He says, "**Howl!**"



Oh, great **masked man**, the bank's just been **robbed**. They took **\$50,000...**

That's not **so** bad.

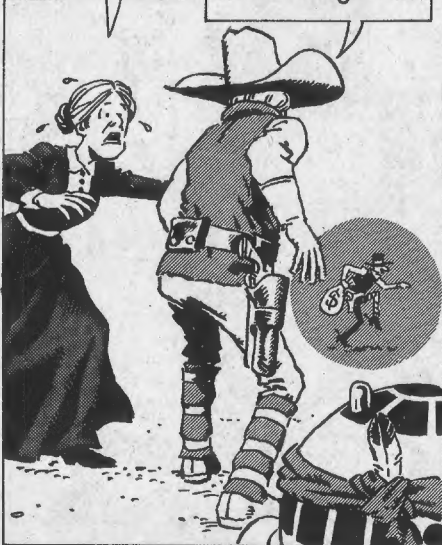
...and all the **free gifts** they were giving for opening **new accounts!**

Now **that's** bad!



**There** he is!!!

Don't worry, ma'am. I'll get him.



Here's your **thief**, sheriff.

Fine. I can **take** it from here.

I should **hope** so. Well, if you'll excuse me, it's time for **us** to be moving on.



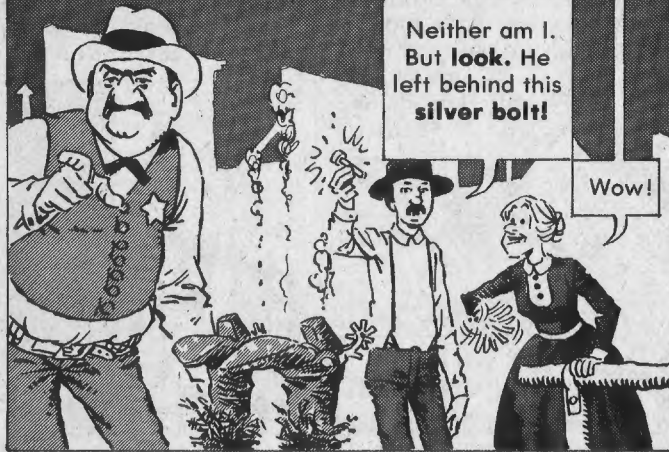


Who was that **masked man** and his **friend** anyway?

Well, the big guy was the **Lone Ranger**. But I'm not so sure who his **friend** was.

Neither am I. But **look**. He left behind this **silver bolt**!

Wow!



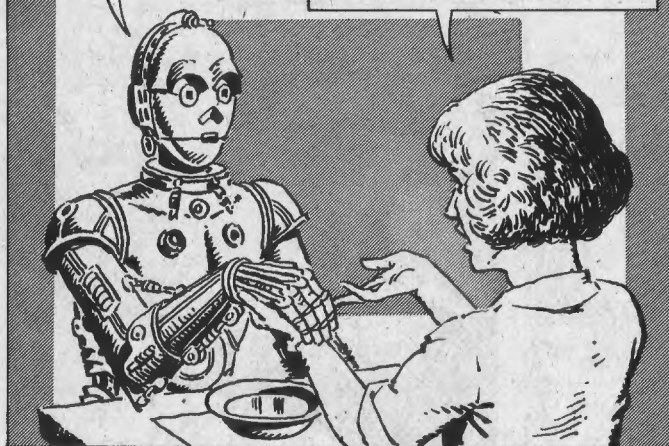
On commercials. For Gillette...



For a leading dishwashing liquid...

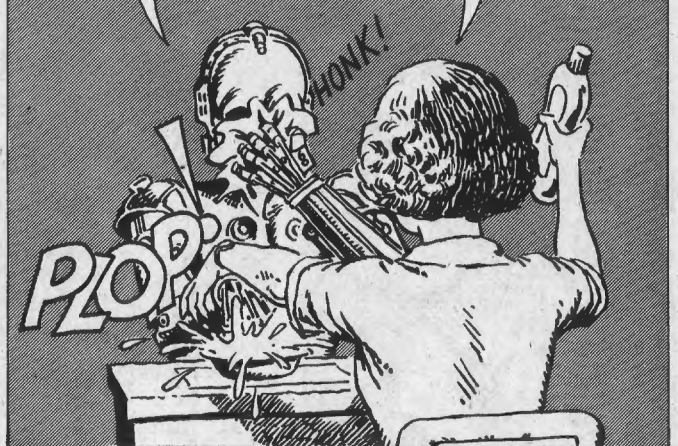
I'm here, Mistress Midge, for my appointment.

And just in time. These are the worst **rust pan hands** I've ever seen.



What am I going to do? Dishwashing liquids just **dry** and **corrode** my hands.

Well, **crying** won't help. Instead, try my new **Ajacks** with **Teflon**. It **coats** your hands as it **washes** so you **can't rust**.



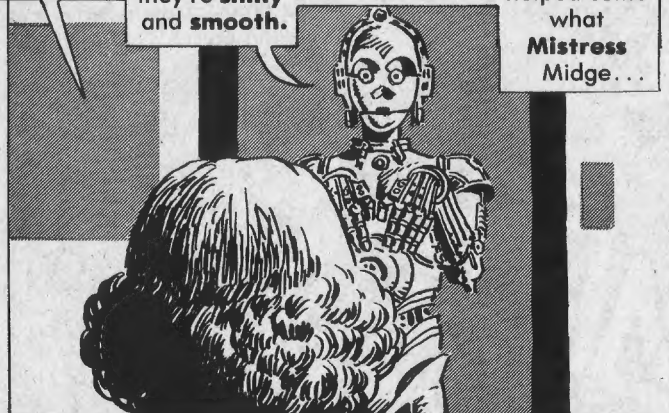
3 Weeks Later—

Wow! Look at your **hands** now.

Yes. At last they're **shiny** and **smooth**.

My **Ajacks** really did the **trick**, huh?

Oh, that helped somewhat **Mistress Midge**...



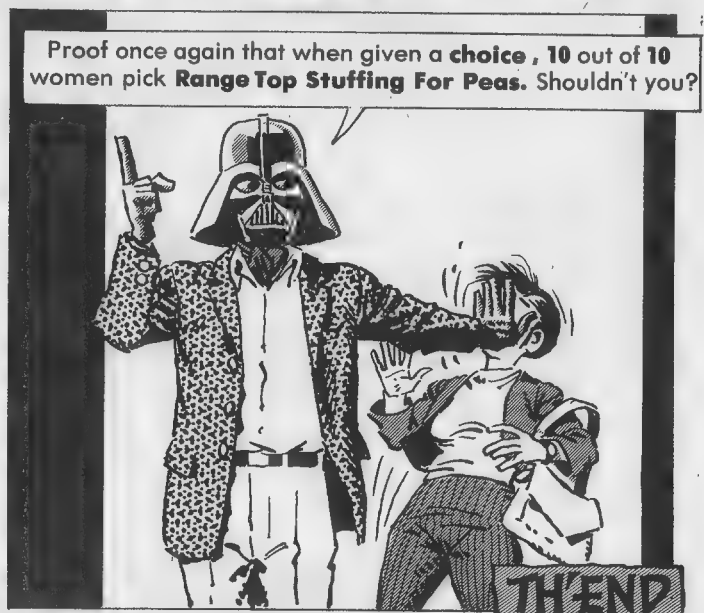
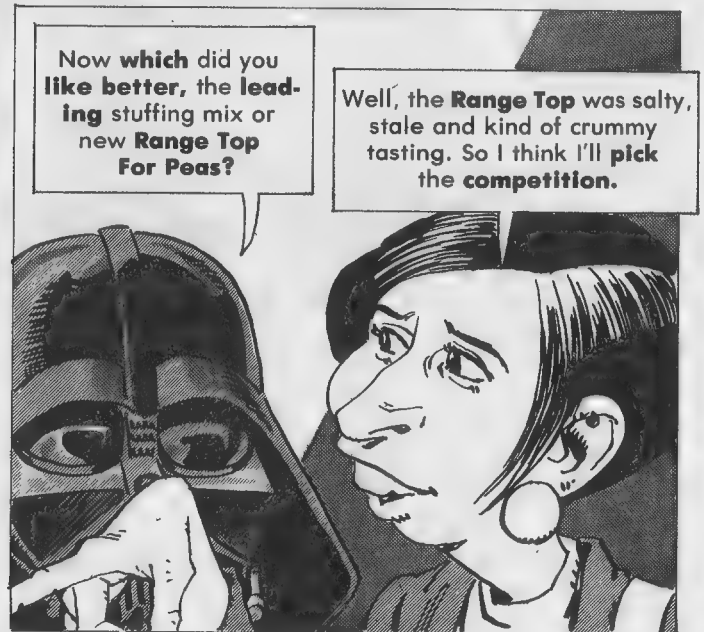
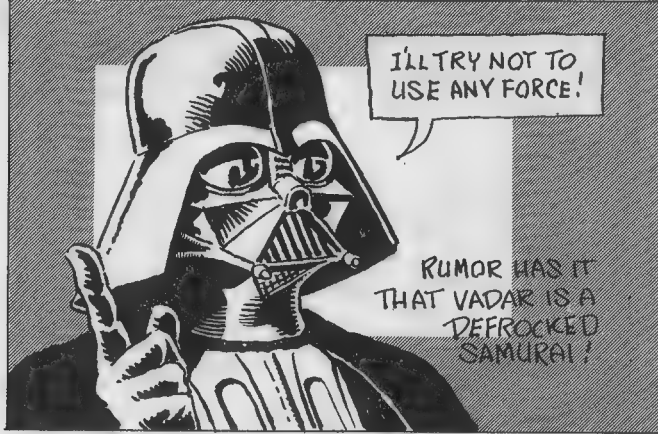
But it was **hiring** this **maid** that **really** made the difference.





## And for all those product comparison ads...

We asked **Darth Vader**, star of the new **EMPIRE STRIKES BACK** film, if he'd do some **hidden camera** comparison tests for us using **Range Top Stuffing**. Here's what he learned.

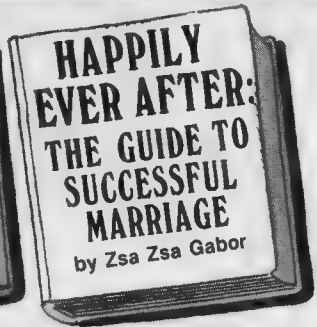
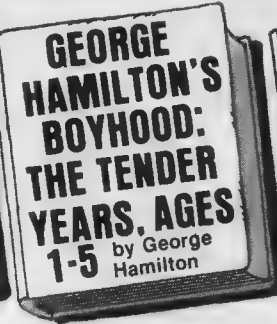
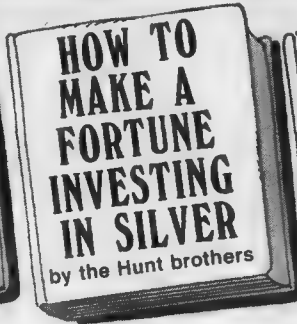
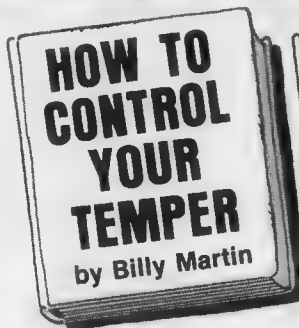




Let's face it. There are some things that were never meant to be, like Johnny Carson getting out of doing THE TONIGHT SHOW and the Cleveland Department of Tourism convincing travelers that their city is more fun than London, Paris and Toledo. And another thing never meant to be is some people making "a killing" as you'll soon learn when we warn you of places you should never put your money (but some suckers do) when we take

# A CRACKED LOOK AT DUMB INVESTMENTS

Agreeing to put up money for these "potential" best sellers....



Opening a "soul food" restaurant in Beverly Hills.



Acting as a backer for the next McClean Stevenson Show.

I agree the **McClean Stevenson Show** was a bomb as was the **New McClean Stevenson Show** as was **Hello Larry**, but the **All-New McClean Stevenson Show** has a good shot at making it.



Buying certain parcels of real estate.

You bought this tract of land?

Yeah! I'm gonna **convert** the existing structures into **condominiums**. When people see how I've **redesigned** the **interiors**, their faces will glow.

I bet they will!





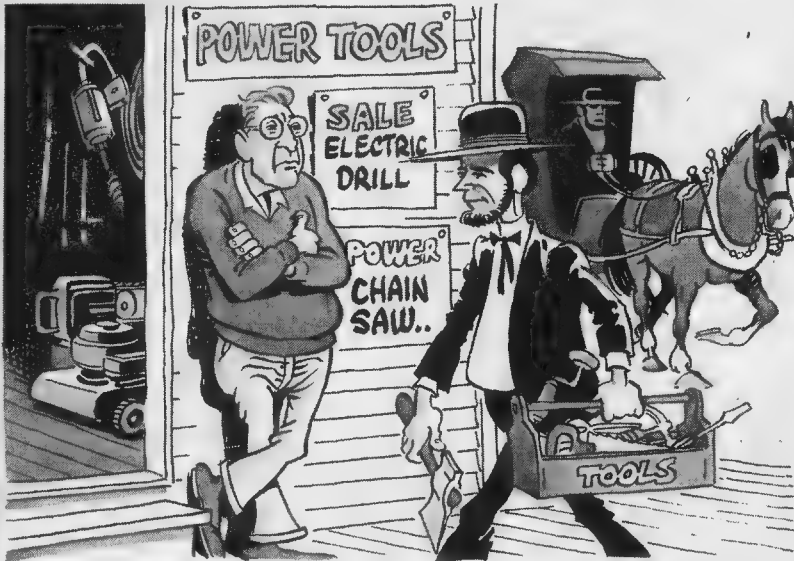
Purchasing boxes of buttons and bumper stickers from a wholesaler, sight unseen, no matter **HOW** cheap they are.



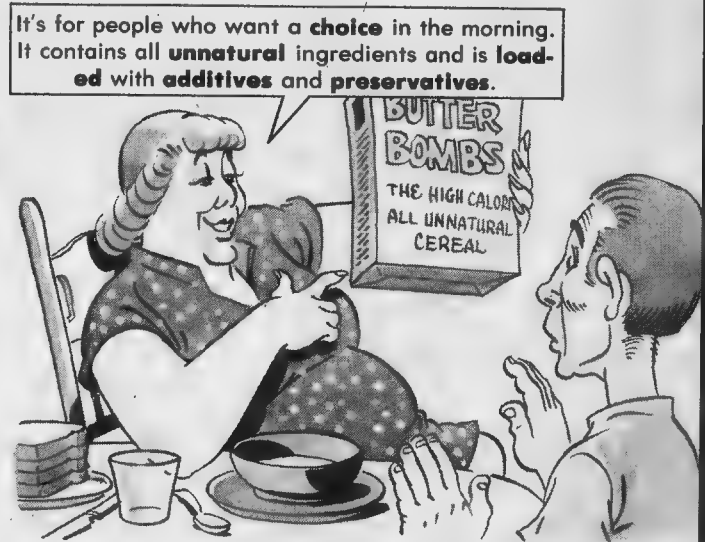
Starting up a magazine primarily for infants



Opening up a power tool store in Pennsylvania Dutch Country.



Coming out with a fatty, high in cholestrol, all-sugar breakfast cereal.



Marketing a perfume with a scent that's **TOO** unique.

Don't worry. This I'll remember—**never** to buy "Le Rotten Eggs of Paris."

PERFUME

I wanted a fragrance women would remember.



Investing in glow in the dark wallpaper so people won't bump into their walls at night.

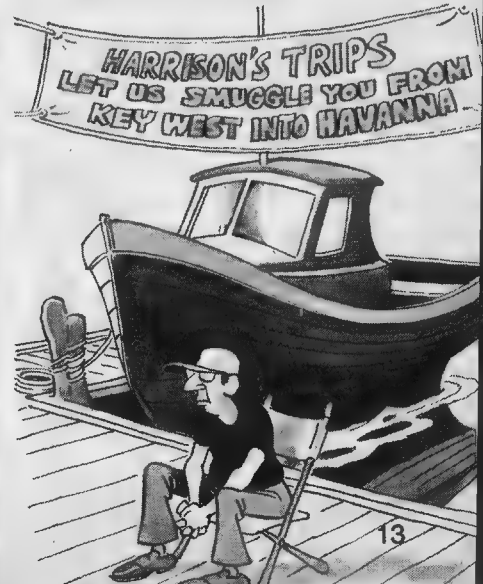
It's really good stuff with only **one** drawback.

What's that?

You can't sleep with all the light in the room.



Buying a boat so you can run what you believe is a neglected service.





Investing in any newly-designed luxury car that someone wants to mass produce.

**El Grande** is the ultimate in luxury. It even has a washroom, plus it weighs a solid 22,000 lbs. and gets 6 miles to a gallon...

...and 8 miles per gallon on the highway.

Nobody else is making **big cars** like this. We'll corner the market.



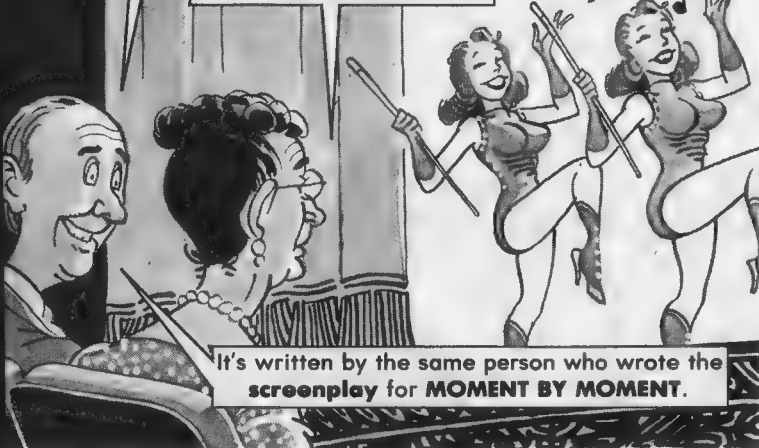
Investing in a Broadway musical doomed from the start.

It's a natural! The life story of President **Millard Fillmore** set to music!

What is it, a **one-act** play?

**HELLO MILLARD**

It's written by the same person who wrote the screenplay for **MOMENT BY MOMENT**.



Beating the rush by issuing tricentennial merchandise long before anyone else.

I got tricentennial T-shirts, handwipes, eye glass guards, toe nail polish and belt buckles. Buy it now before it's all gone.

Forget it. I'll be **long gone** before the event even approaches.



Opening a computer dating service in India.

Welcome. As you know, **no woman** here is allowed to **go out** on her own, so I'll be showing you **pictures** of eligible girls' parents. Then once you've **gone out** with **them** several times and **they** approve, you can be married.



Buying up crates of old "fad merchandise" in the hopes that one day some of them will come back.

**THE OLD FAD SHOP**

Now over here, I have **hot pants** and assorted sizes of **Nehru suits**.

They were **ugly** when they first came out. Who'd wanna **bring them back**?



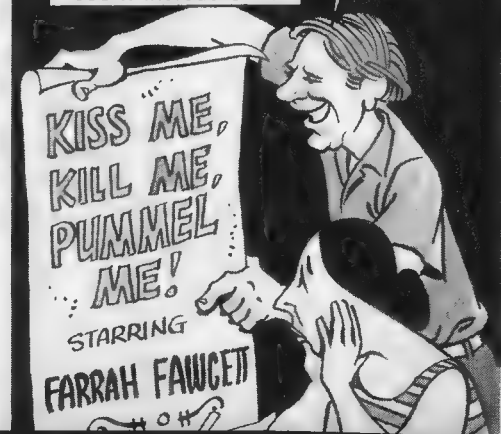
Throwing your money into the production of certain T-shirts.



Investing in any new Farrah Fawcett movie.

I own 52% of "KISS ME, KILL ME, PUMMEL ME." The studio said it would be **twice** as big as **Sunburn** or **Saturn 3**.

That means **4** people'll see it instead of **2**.

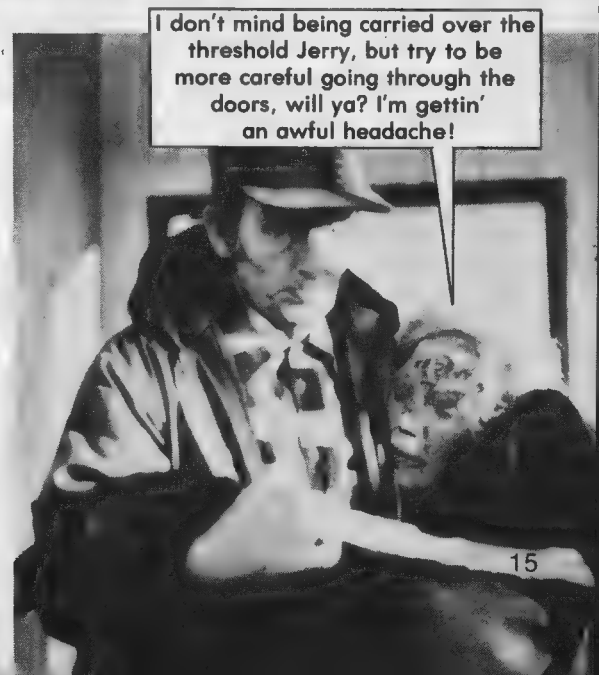


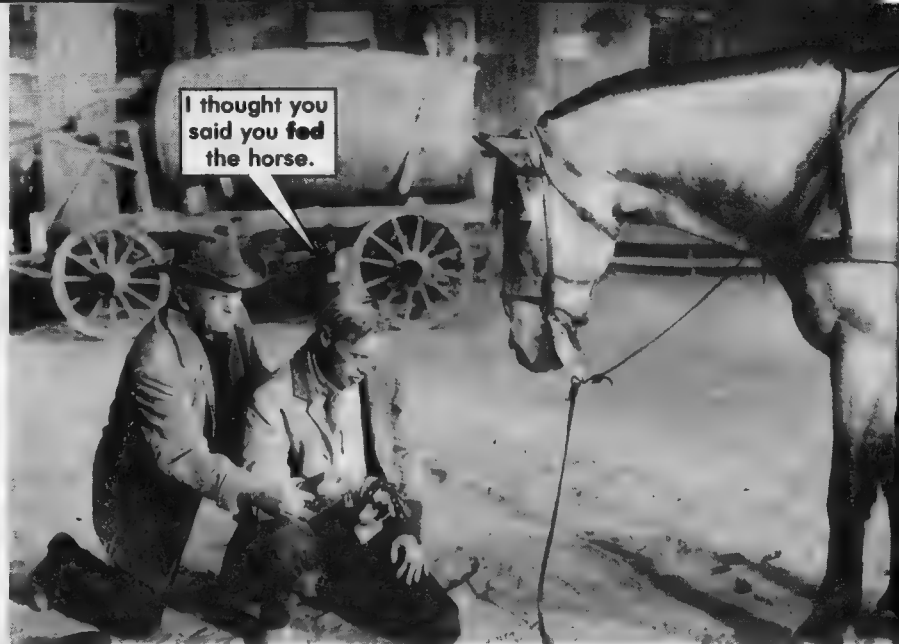


ABSOLUTELY, UNQUESTIONABLY, POSITIVELY,  
UNDENIABLY, THE VERY, VERY, LAST OF

# THE CRACKED LENS

(and we really mean it this time!)







Listen sister, if you don't keep your **slimey hands** off me, I'm gonna **knock your teeth** down your **throat!**



Something tells me we should've taken the **bus.**



Leroy baby, you're **beautiful!** Hold that pose!



I don't get it. I haven't seen a **duck** all day.



Don't just stand there **grinning**, idiot! Get that **tarantula** off my back!



Listen sweetheart, it's not as if we're asking you to **die** for this scene... All we want you to do is **dive off this roof** into a trashcan **ninety feet** below.









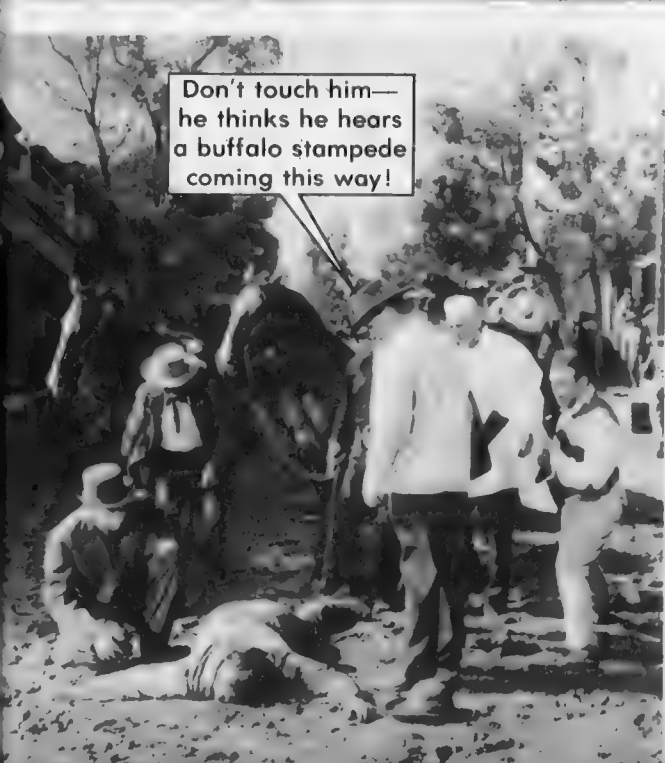
But I **can't** marry you, Jack—you bite your nails.



I can't wait to see the passengers' faces when we tell them both wings fell off.



The salesman was right—the engine **does** have a tendency to overheat.



Don't touch him—he thinks he hears a buffalo stampede coming this way!



Last one in is a rotten egg!

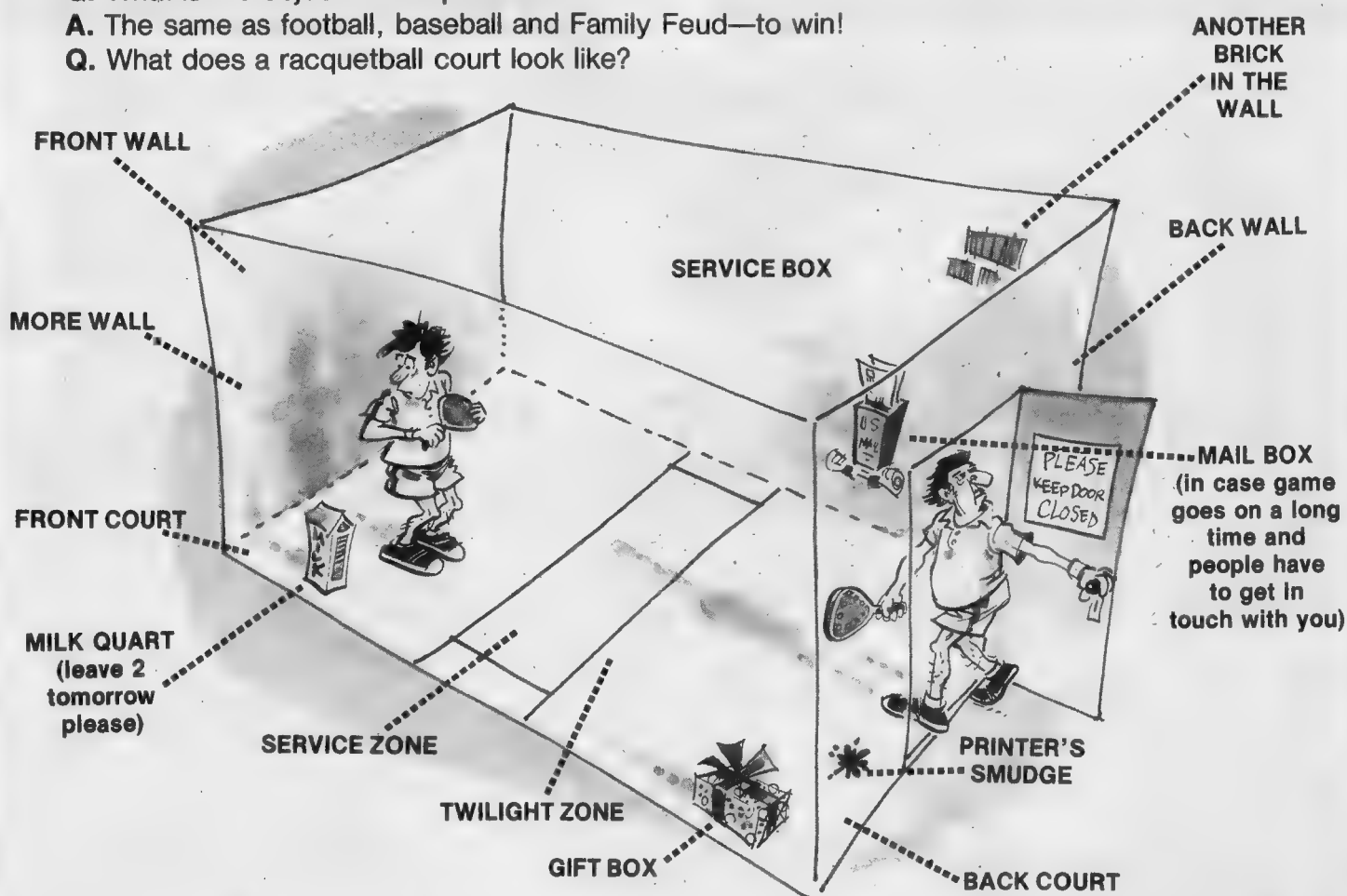
Hi there! We'll get to our introduction in a moment, but first we promised the C.I.A. we'd pass along this coded message to all their agents—"DEAD DONKEYS NEED LITTLE FEED." Thanks for being so patient and as your reward, here's yet another in our continuing series of sporting articles, this time

# THE CRACKED QUESTION AND ANSWER GUIDE TO RACQUETBALL

**Q.** What is the object of racquetball?

**A.** The same as football, baseball and Family Feud—to win!

**Q.** What does a racquetball court look like?



**A.** A racquetball court looks something like the one pictured above, only a lot bigger. Sometimes you'll find 4 of these courts laid out side by side. In the trade, this is known as a gallon.

The court is enclosed and players use all four walls, the ceiling and the floor to play off of.

Most indoor courts charge as much as \$16 an hour, however many people save this fee by designing their own home version.

**Q.** How is this done?

**A.** By carefully cutting and pasting together 23 empty refrigerator boxes.

**Q.** Is there a drawback to this home type?

**A.** Yes. The \$11,500 needed to buy 23 refrigerators.

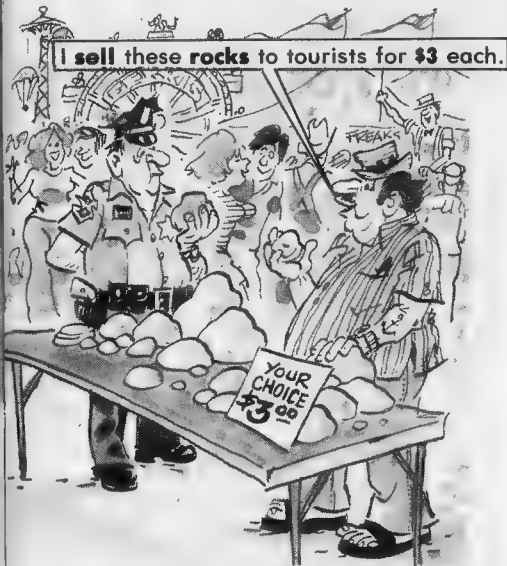


**Q. Do I need any special equipment to play?**

**A. Yes.** First you'll need a good racket.

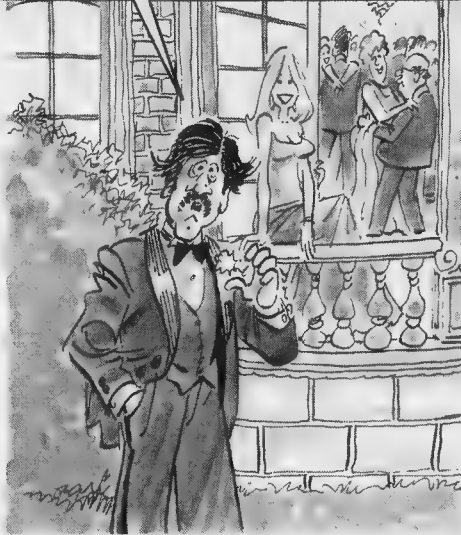
You'll also need a ball.

And finally a shirt, pair of shorts and sneakers.



Now **that's** a good racket!

This sport sure is expensive. This **ball** cost me \$2000!



Make that a **white** shirt, shorts and sneakers. You don't wanna make your opponent seasick!

**Q. How do I begin?**

**A. To begin,** the first player, standing in the service zone, takes the ball and **hits** it...

His opponent then returns the ball...



...hits it into the front wall, that is.



Players then alternate **striking** the ball

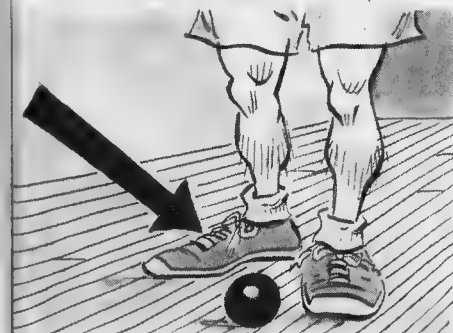


**Q. On a serve does the ball have to reach a certain point?**

**A. Yes.**

And if it lands here...

If it lands here...

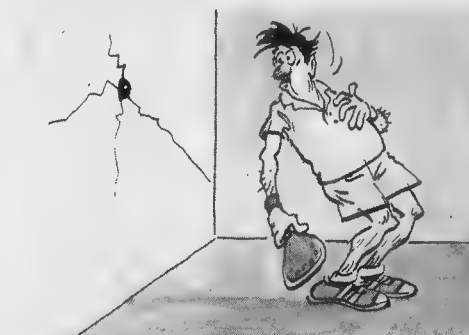


...it means the ball has travelled all of 2 inches on your serve and you must be a real whimp!

If it lands here...



...it means you forgot to close your court door and the ball has once again bounced out into the snack bar.



...it means you're probably hitting the ball much too hard and should really be out demolishing buildings with your fists instead of playing racquetball.

**Q.** What if the ball hits you on your serve?

**A.** Two things are called: A hindrance and...

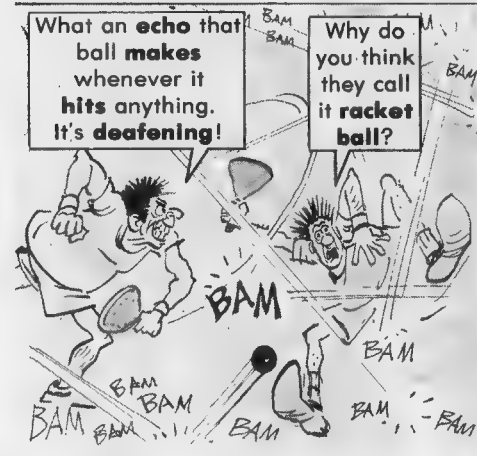


**Q.** How do you win a game?

**A.** The first player reaching 21 wins.



**Q.** Before we move on, could you tell us how the game got its name?



**Q.** Now that I know the basics, can you tell me some of the more common errors I might encounter?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Ah, come on.

**A.** Oh, all right. One error is making an incorrect turn and ending up at the wrong racquetball club. Boy, do you look like a clone when you do that.

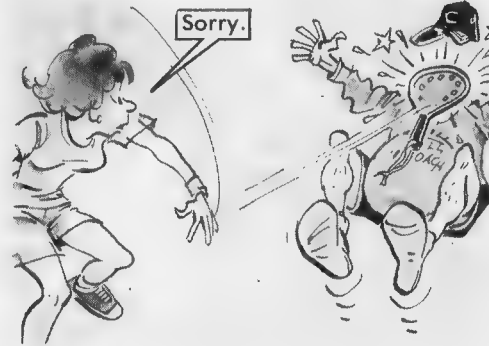
**Q.** What other errors might I make?

**A.** Well, the grip.

This is a poor grip.



And this is too loose a grip.



This is why you should always wrap the racquet string on the handle around your wrist.



**Q.** What about warming up before a game?

**A.** If you're cold, wear a sweater. I don't care.

Before a match, try jogging around the court.



**Q.** No, should I do exercises?

**A.** Oh, of course.

Or take a short, but necessary run.



Or try stretching.





**Q.** How can I avoid crashing into walls?

**A.** Try getting more than 2 hours sleep the night before a game.

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



**Q.** Seriously.

**A.** If you see a ball is coming very close to the wall and you have no room to swing, try this uncommon, yet perfectly legal maneuver.

Fig. 3



Fig. 4

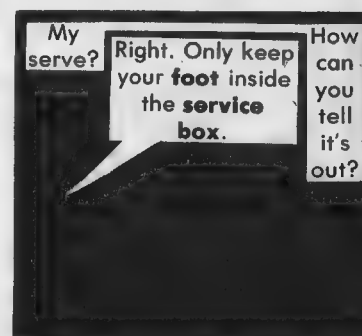


**Q.** Are there bad and good ceiling shots? **A.** Would we have printed the question if there weren't?

This is a good ceiling shot.  
Notice the excellent ricochet.



And this is a bad ceiling shot that can truly affect future play.



**Q.** I understand that besides playing one on one, there are other ways of playing? **A.** There are.

First there's playing alone. Then there's doubles. But 4 players on a court this small presents many problems.

You missed!



But this becomes kind of boring after awhile.



Oooff!

And finally, there's cut-throat (3 players). You'll find this particularly popular with one group of people.



**Q.** Well, it looks like you've answered all my questions, except one. Who are you anyway?

**A.** I don't really know. A question appears on the page and I just answer it automatically.

**Q.** Very interesting. How long have you had this non-identity problem?

**A.** It started when I was little. I can never remember being anything more than a period on a page.

**Q.** Wanna lie down here and tell me the rest?

**A.** Soon I grew and became a full-fledged semi-colon, but commas kept trying to replace me and take my...

Hello future leaders of America. While our adult counterparts slug it out for the executive office, I thought I'd share my own secrets for achieving something a bit closer to home. Mainly,

# HOW TO WIN A SCHOOL ELECTION



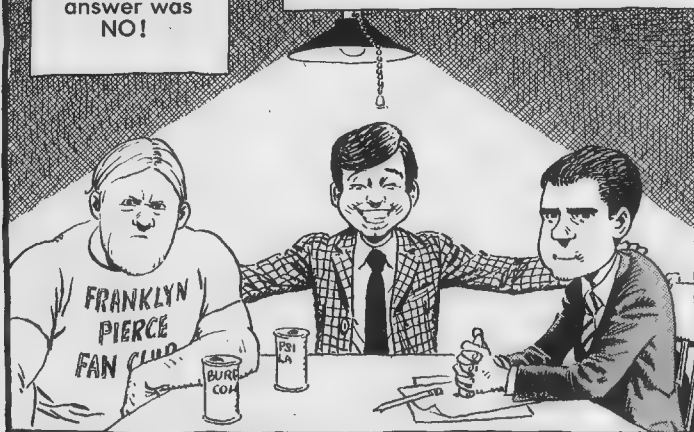
First, you must take a cold, objective look at yourself. You must ask, "Do I fit all these demanding qualifications?"



- \* INTELLIGENCE
- \* CREATIVITY
- \* WILLINGNESS TO SERVE
- \* PERSISTENCE
- \* HONESTY

In my case, the cold, objective answer was NO!

So me and my campaign managers, Sluggo Malone and "Tricky" Dick Andrews, came up with a strategy.

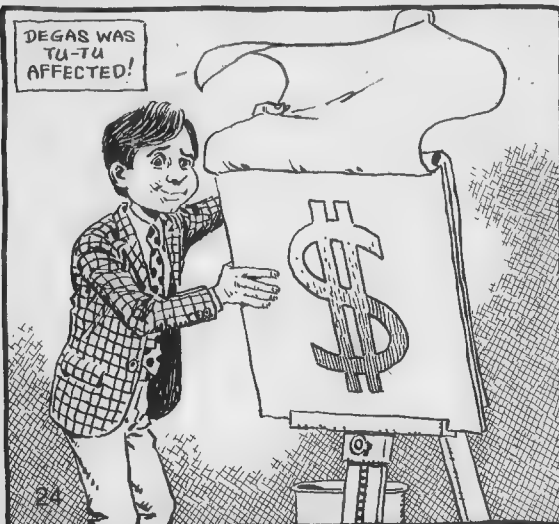


HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY, BUT... IT DOESN'T GET THE VOTES!



The first thing we realized was that all the qualifications in the world don't mean **beans** without...

DEGAS WAS TU-TU AFFECTED!



That's where a creative and persistent person like Sluggo Malone comes in.





Not only does Sluggo have special talents for raising campaign funds...

...But he also makes a great billboard.

REMBRANDT HAD AN ETCH!

GIRLS, I'M FOR EXCELENT!

Democracy has been called "The art of compromise". Which brings me to the second most important political strategy...one based on a foundation of...

WINNING IS EVERYTHING

THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS!

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY.

What's so hot about chili?

DEALS

That's where an intelligent person with a willingness to serve comes in. A person like "Tricky Dick" Andrews.

He can make those important trade-offs which help a candidate understand the issues concerning the public.

Tony, I hear the guys in auto shop are sick of homework and exams.

Sure, but what can you do?

I'VE GOT AN EXCELENT DEAL FOR YOU!

UZBEK

Well, my boy would push to wipe out all auto shop homework and exams.

Sounds great. What's the catch?

Just help deliver the greezer vote. That's all.

Throw in a double lunch period and you got a deal.

Hey, no problem!

MAN RAY IS A DADA

Once you've got financial and political backing, you must start working on your image.



This requires research into the popular images of the day.

BRAQUE WAS A SQUARE



JON RIVOLTA SAYS: DANCE LANCE INTO THE PRESIDENCY

SNAP!

Then, there's the issues. You've got to study the facts. You've got to discover your opponent's position. Then, you've got to develop your own dynamic policy based on...

WHAT WAS SARONG ABOUT GAUGIN?



VAGUENESS

Although you'll never have to defend an opinion, you might have to defend your lack of one.

Once and for all Lance, what is your stand on dividing athletic funds between girls and boys?

Sorry, but I need more time to study the matter.



CHUCK BROWN

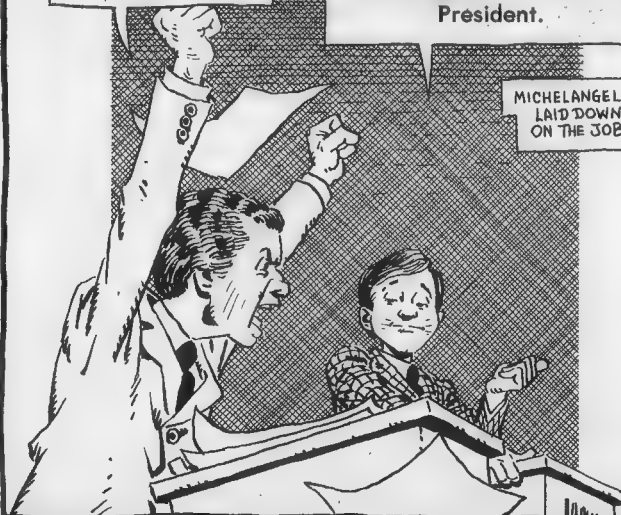


LANCE EXCELENT

Why don't you just say you're for or against it.

Because the facts I need to form this opinion will only be available to me when I'm President.

MICHELANGELO LAID DOWN! ON THE JOB.



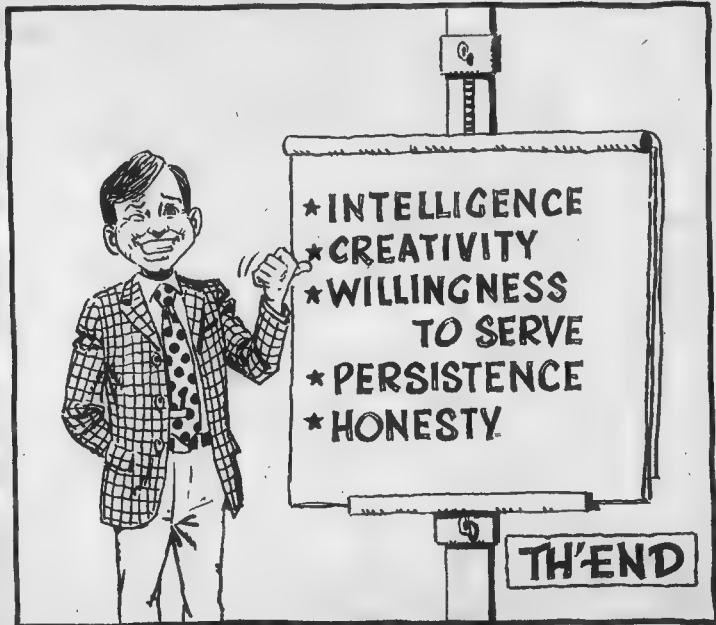
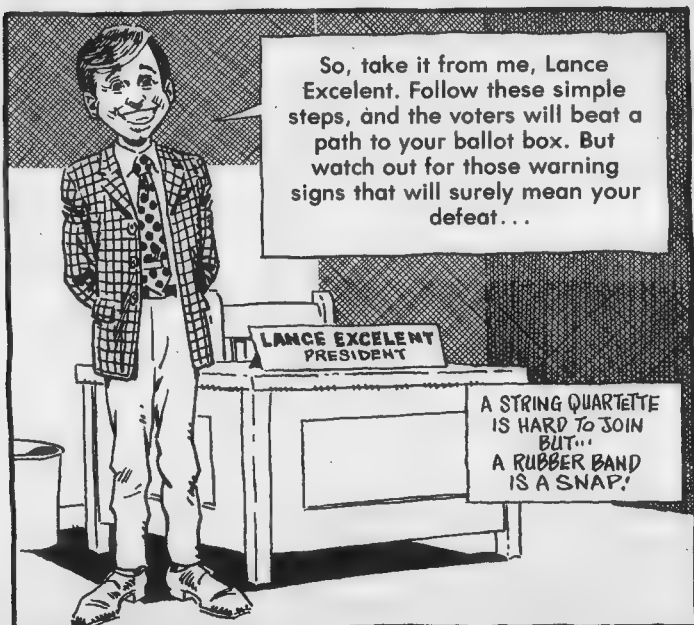
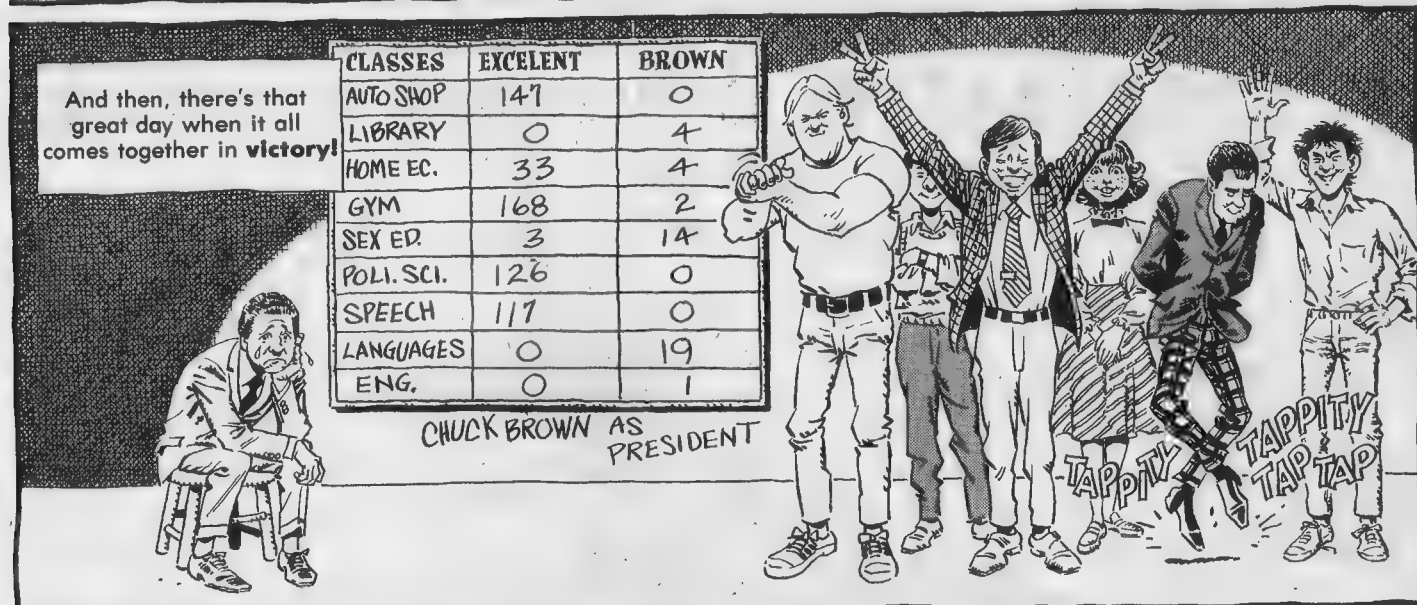
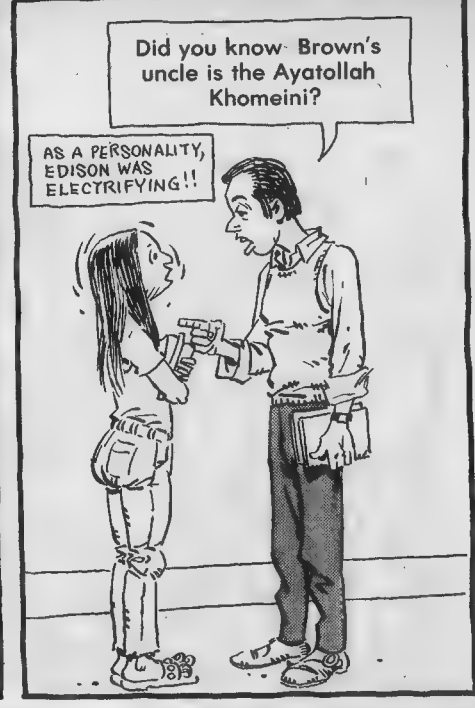
And, finally, a good politician must be a good communicator. You must convince the voter that you can serve them better than your opponent. And that means using...

"ALWAYS LEAVE THEM LAUGHING." ... DA VINCI



LIES





Toy manufacturers are constantly developing and refining sophisticated electronic games that actually think and talk. CRACKED gives its readers an idea of where all this nonsense may eventually lead with this version of

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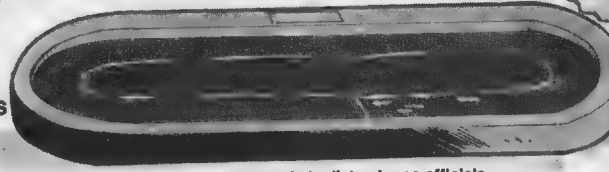
A sure thing at \$34<sup>99</sup>

Just like being at the tracks! Before each race you are bombarded with confusing advice from assorted tipsters and touts.

Ship ahoy had good effort in last outing

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Object of the game is to distract race officials while you dope your electronic horse.



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The game that's an odds-on-favorite not to crap out!

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\*Your dealer will flip you double or nothing

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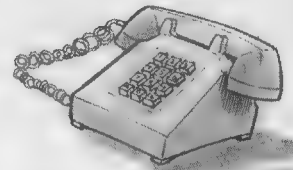
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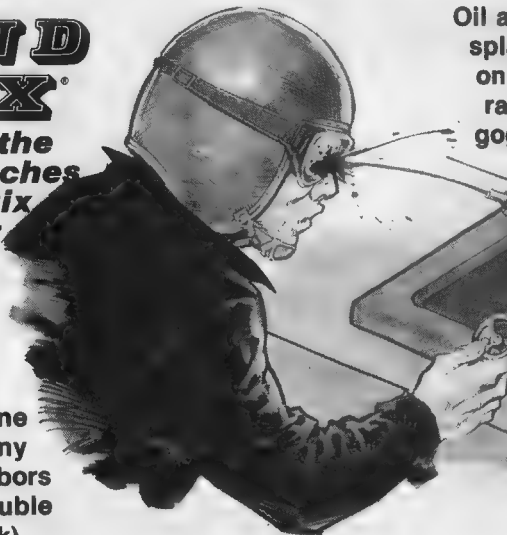
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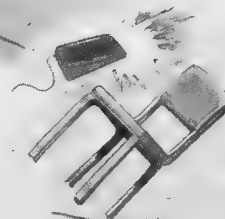
RRROOM  
VRRROOM!



Race track groupie phones you for a date after each winning race



Special realistic blowout feature - game actually sends player careening into the nearest wall



CRACKED is thinking rock music is an avalanche!

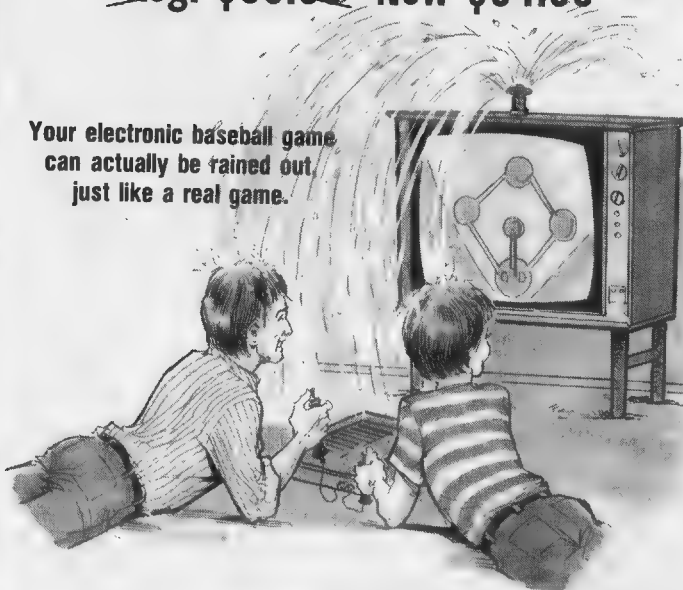
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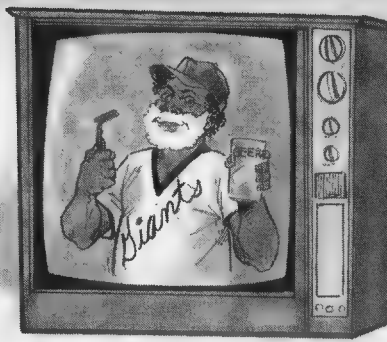
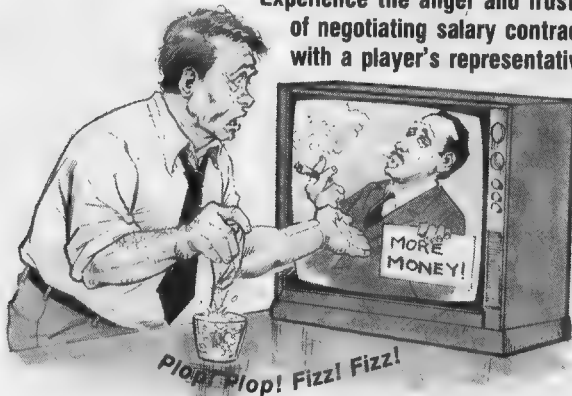
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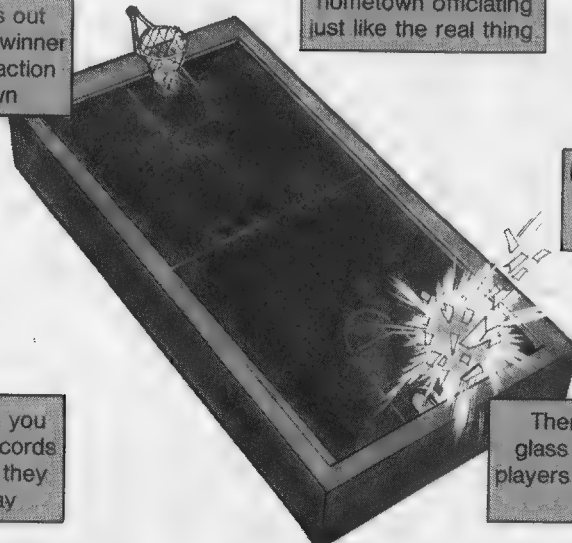
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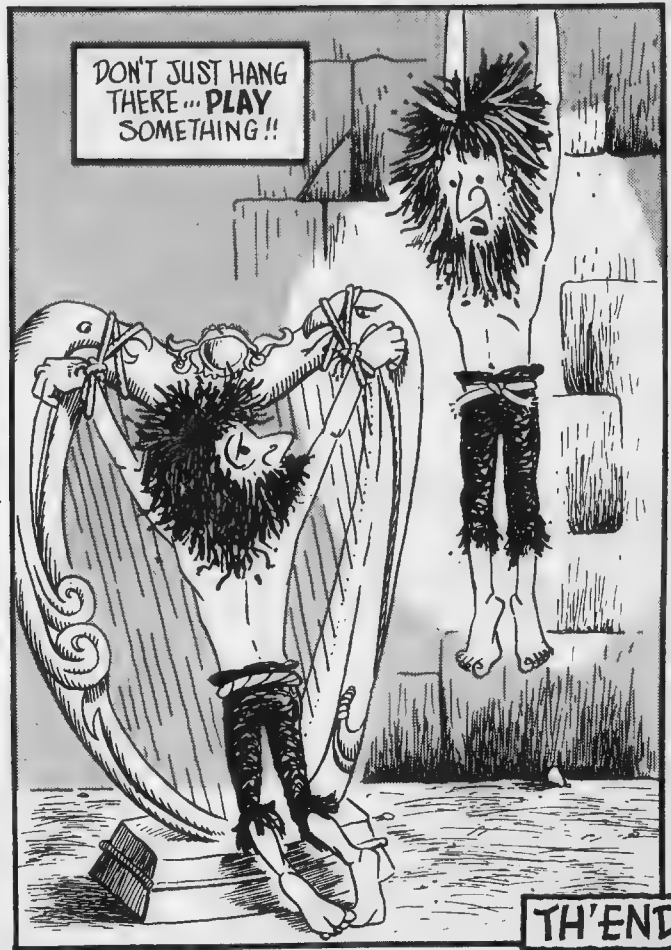
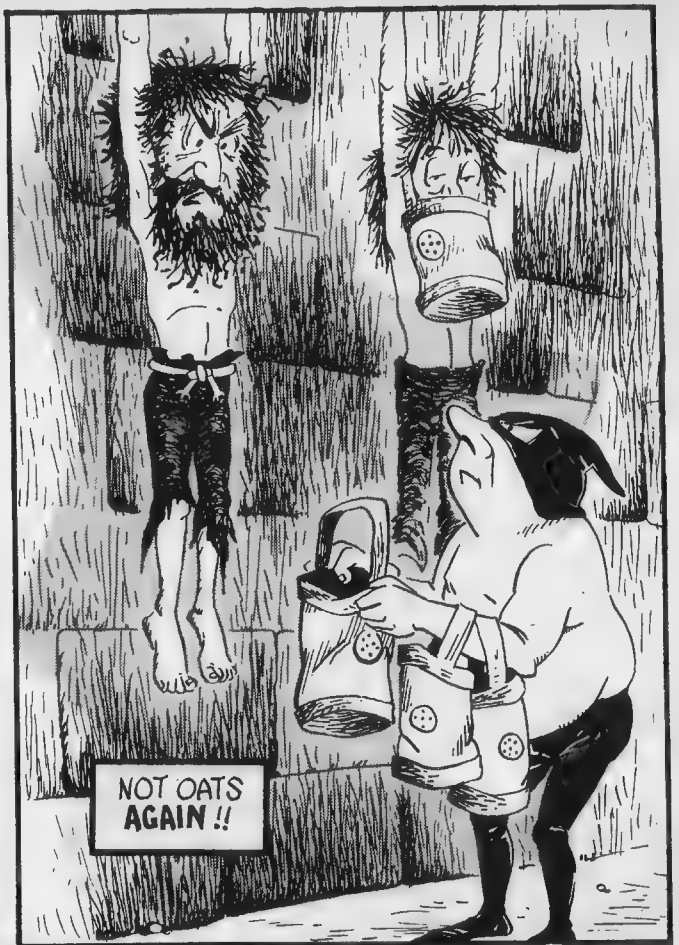


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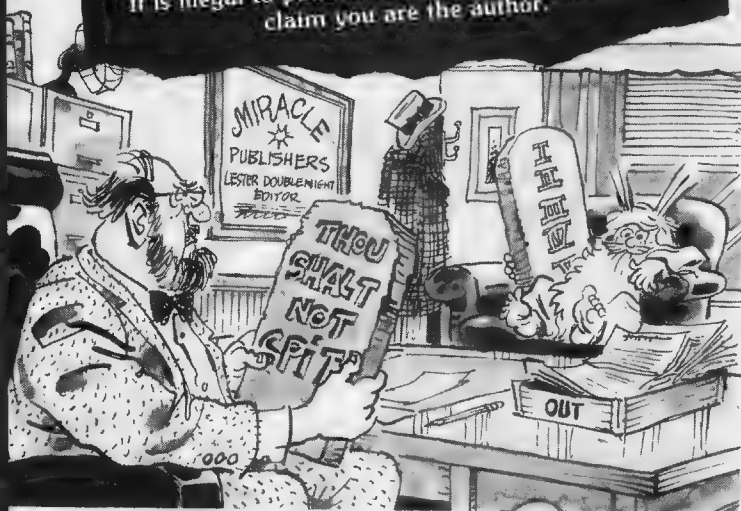




Ever since the beginning of time and even before that, man has been making laws (and breaking them) to stem the increasing chaos that threatens the very fabric of society, which happens to be tweed. It is near impossible to remember all laws since they vary from state to state. However, we at the magazine, are devoted to keeping our readers aware of the latest changes in the law, so we offer you the definitive guide to

### LAW #1

It is illegal to publish the 10 Commandments and claim you are the author.



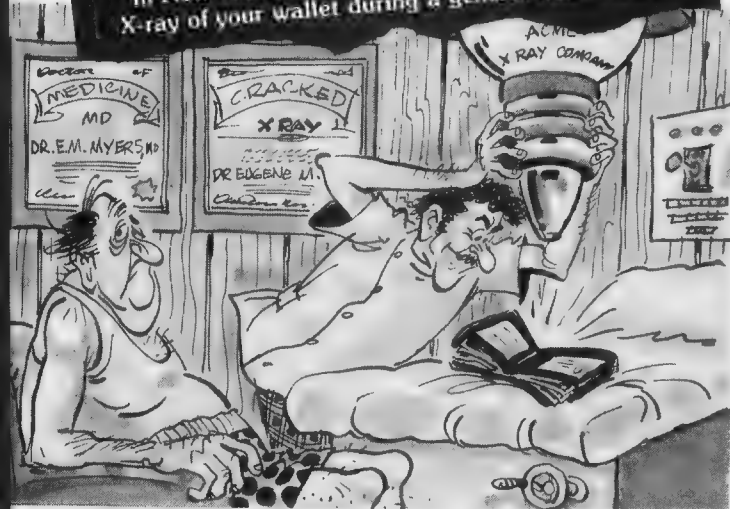
### LAW #2

In Flintstone, Maryland, it is against the law to practice the art of lion taming in your parents' bedroom.



### LAW #3

In New York, a doctor is not allowed to take an X-ray of your wallet during a general examination.



### LAW #4

In Boston, Massachusetts, you are not allowed to place an oral thermometer in boiling water.



### LAW #5

In San Diego, California, it is illegal to wear a mask in a bank.



### LAW #6

It is illegal to complete a paint by numbers picture and sell it to a museum as an original.



CRACKED is putting sawdust back together again!



# CRACKED'S LITTLE KNOWN BY-LAWS

## LAW #7

In Little Rock, Arkansas, you are not allowed to declare a sewer as your permanent place of residence.



## LAW #8

In Utah, it is against the law to attempt to sell life insurance to a dead man.



## LAW #9

In the Soviet Union, you can get arrested for saying, "More onions on the pizza, please."



## LAW #10

It is against the law to go sailing on Niagra Falls.



## LAW #11

In Miami, Florida, it is illegal for a dentist to remove the gold fillings from your mouth.



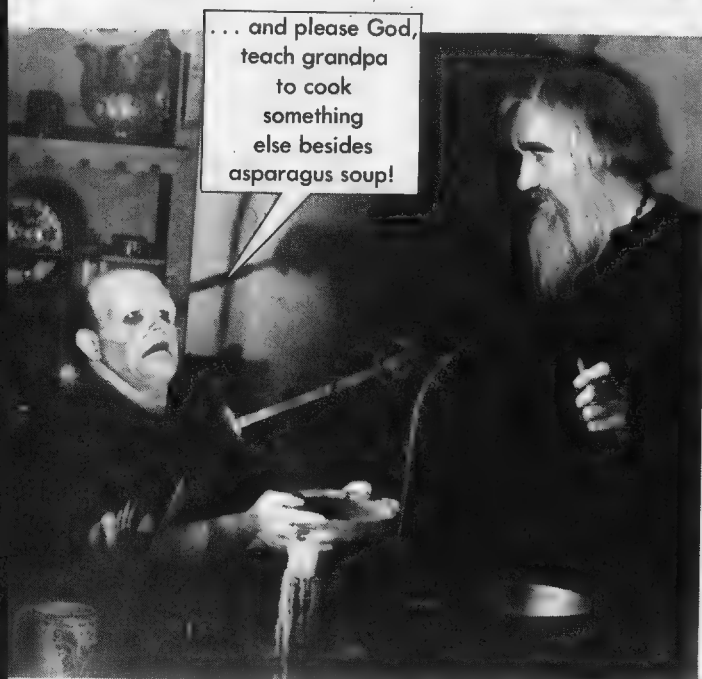
## LAW #12

In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, it is against the law to tie an alligator to a fire-hydrant.



CRACKED is thinking all kangaroos are born during Leap Year!

# MASTERS OF



... and please God,  
teach grandpa  
to cook  
something  
else besides  
asparagus soup!



Sure it looks dumb,  
but habitual  
sleepwalkers  
will buy 'em  
up in a  
second!



Shame on you, Irma.  
You know what mom  
said about eating  
sweets before dinner.



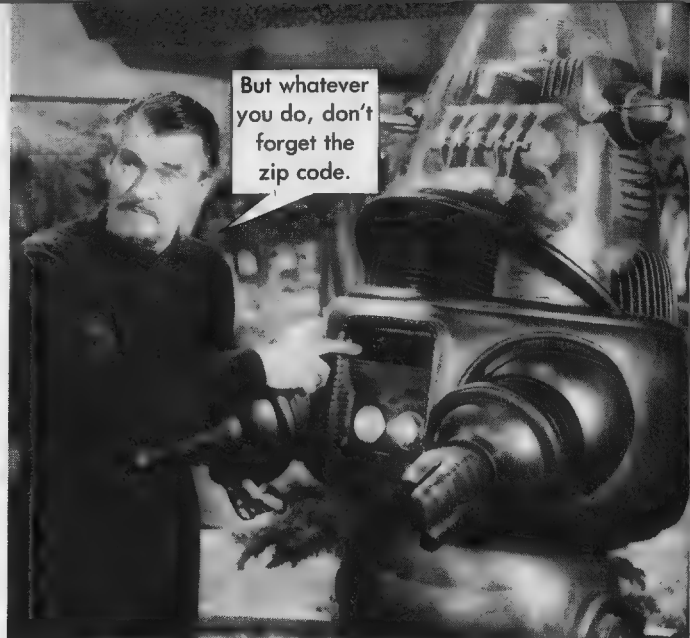
So, how  
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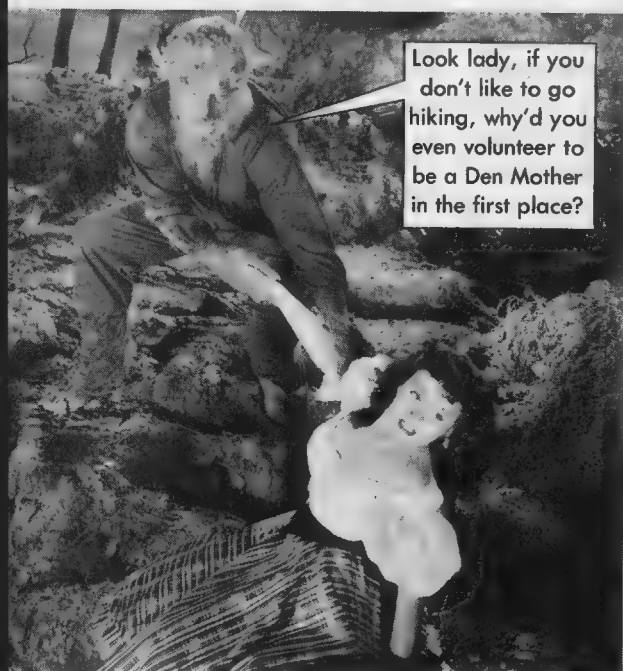




Oh please, let me keep it Harry! It's the only ape stole in the country!



But whatever you do, don't forget the zip code.



Look lady, if you don't like to go hiking, why'd you even volunteer to be a Den Mother in the first place?



That's it — marshmallows! I knew we forgot to pack something!



Hey, Harvey! Look who I found trying to tangle up our fish lines!!



Look, I don't care who found me first ... get me to a doctor already!



# YOU WON'T BE INVITED TO ANOTHER PARTY WHEN AT YOUR LAST PARTY...



...you unwittingly poured cement mix in the cheese dip.



...you blew out the candles on the birthday cake and it wasn't your birthday.



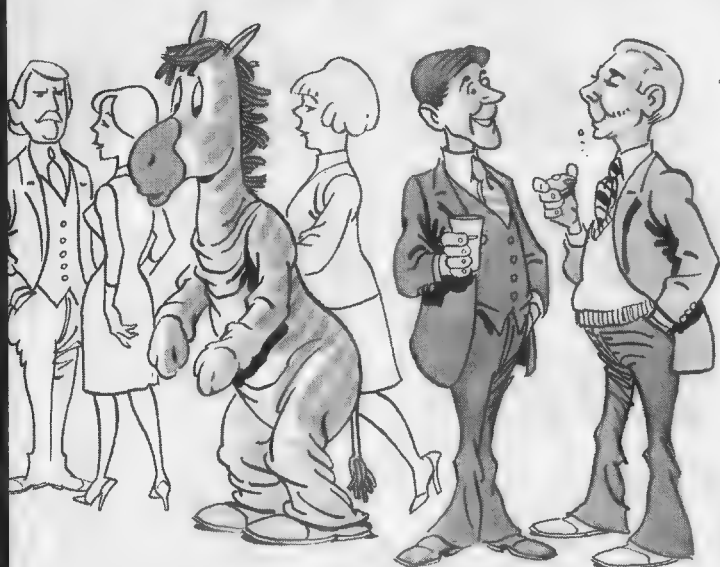
...you told your friends there was going to be door prizes and you gave away 5 doors.



...you were asked to bring over some records and you brought the Guinness Book.



...you came dressed as a zebra and it wasn't a costume party.



...you try to slow dance with the girlfriend of the guy who just received a football scholarship.



...you went into the kitchen and started making all your long distance calls.



...you were told the party started at 8:00 and you showed up at 8:00 in the morning.



...you told the birthday girl you and your friends were going to crash the party, and you did...



...you tried to offset the money you spent on the gift by stuffing your pockets with food.



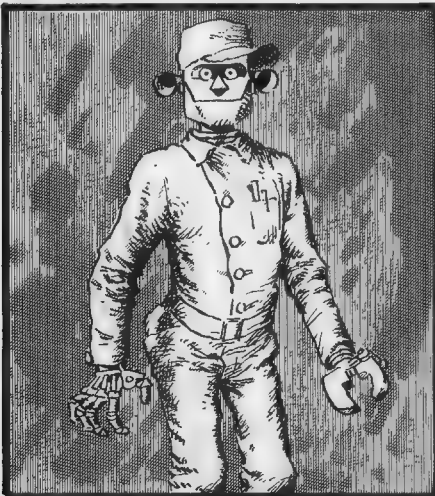
Checking out the T.V. ratings the other day, we noticed an interesting fact. Audiences are starting to ignore dumb situation comedies and detective dramas and are instead turning to informational programming. Well, at first, these shows were of high quality like *60 Minutes* and *20-20*, however, this past spring they've been getting dumber and dumber. In fact, the most moronic of all will probably be the new one they plan to introduce in a couple of weeks entitled

# REAL INCREDIBLE PEOPLE

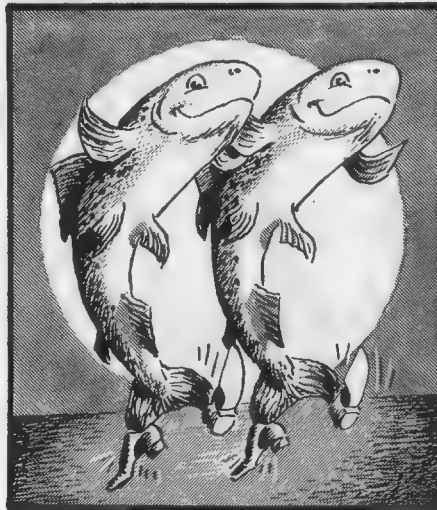
Tonight join us as we cover such exciting stories as John Overkill's attempt to jump out of a plane without a parachute and live to tell about it.



The man who does all the mechanical work on *JAWS*, *SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN*, *KING KONG*, and *THE BIONIC WOMAN*.



A look at tap dancing trout...



A man who trains dogs to take their masters out for a walk...



A woman who claims she can communicate with the dead...



A lady barber who cuts clients hair with her teeth...





Yes, all this and more tonight. But before we go any further, let's meet the 3 top news reporters who not only do our stories, but also serve as our hosts while doing lots of smiling, and reading some of the dumbest jokes ever written for human beings.

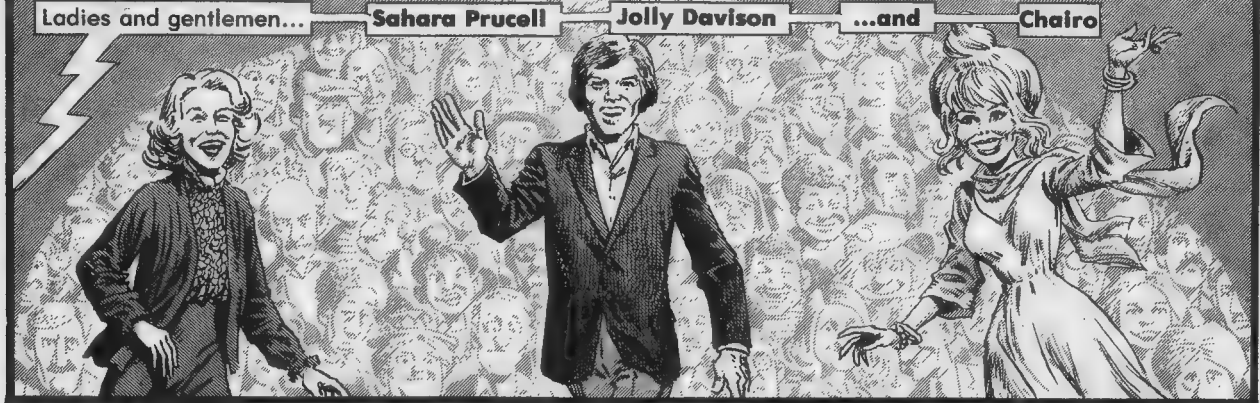
Ladies and gentlemen...

Sahara Prucell

Jolly Davison

...and

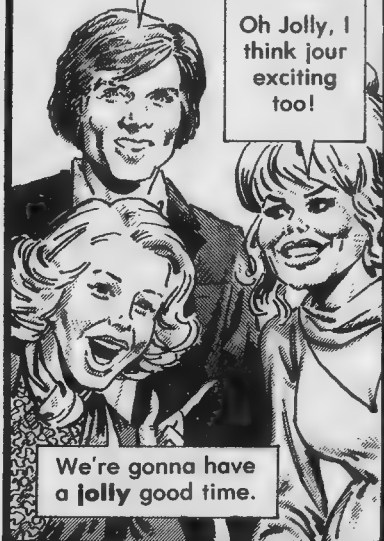
Chairo



Welcome to our show! I think we've got an exciting one for you.

Oh Jolly, I think your exciting too!

We're gonna have a jolly good time.



But enough of this droll humor. Instead come with me now as I visit a man who is known throughout the world as the **First Human Torch**.



Here is **Burny Mihand**, better known as the **Human Torch**. Tell me Burny, how's your career going?

I've never been **hotter**. I guess you can say I've ignited the public's interest in me.



You've ignited more than the public's interest.



Oh no! I always do that.

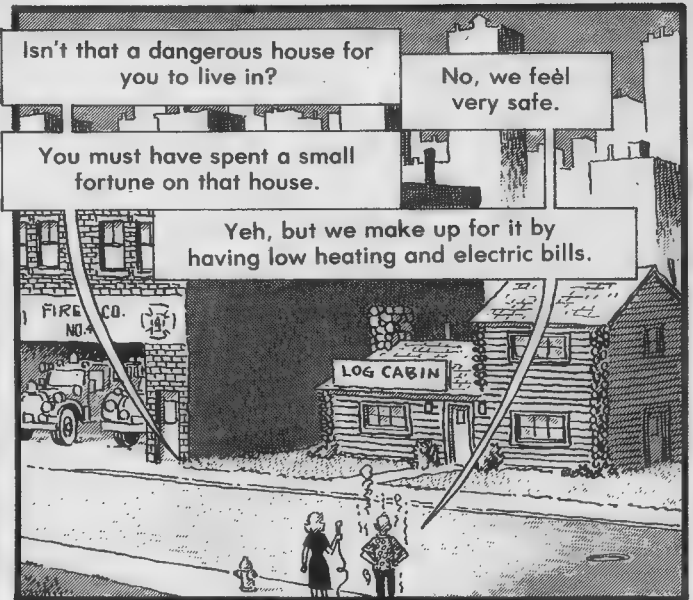
You give new meaning to the phrase, "You Light Up My Life." I'm curious Burny, what sort of jobs have you had?

I used to be an **arsonist** for the mob, but they **fired** me, for not keeping cool under pressure.



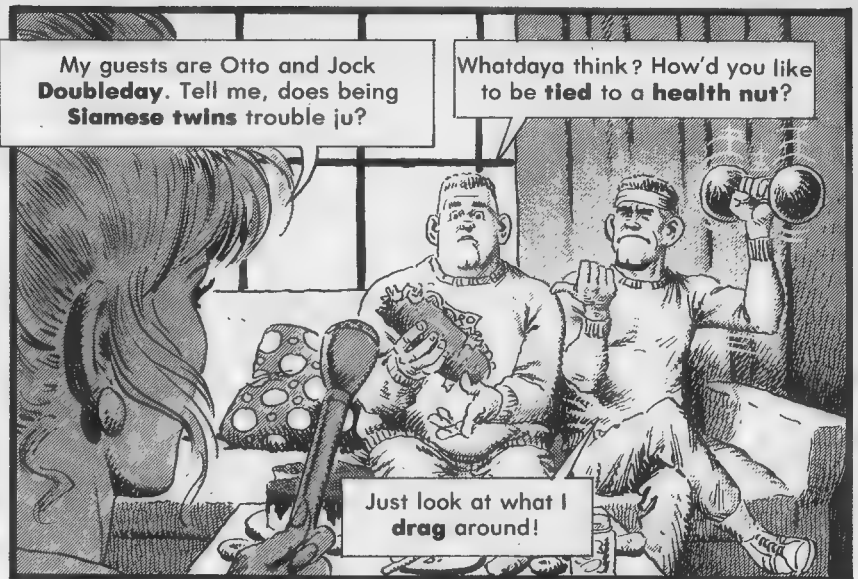
I was a cook for awhile but everything I made came out **char-broiled**. After that I worked as scenic designer in the movie, **THE TOWERING INFERNO**.







Now, we would like ju to meet **brothers** who are **really** attached to each other.



My guests are Otto and Jock **Doubleday**. Tell me, does being **Siamese twins** trouble ju?

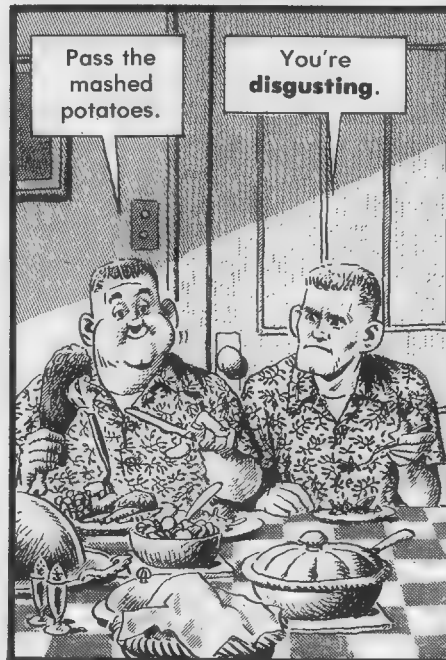
Whatdaya think? How'd you like to be tied to a **health nut**?

Just look at what I **drag** around!

Now we go to film to show you a day in the life of these **incredible** men! Here they are during their early **morning workout**.



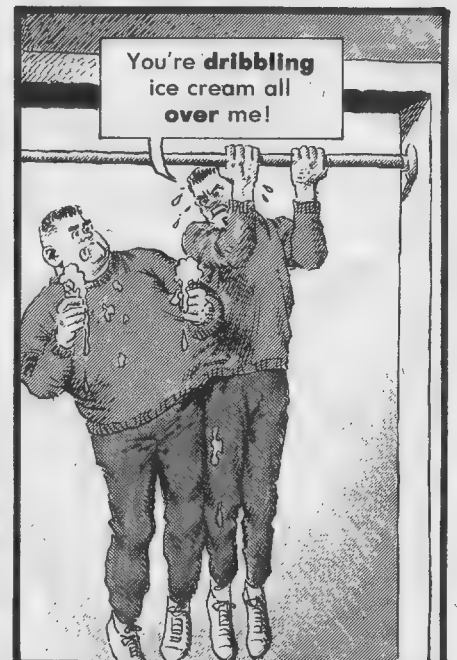
And here they are enjoying **lunch!**



Pass the **mashed potatoes**.

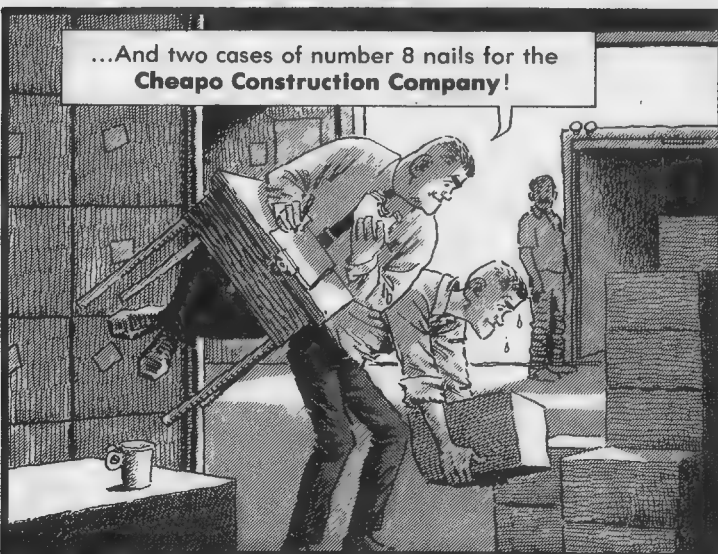
You're **disgusting**.

Then the **afternoon workout!**



You're **dribbling** ice cream all **over** me!

They make a **good team** at work!



...And two cases of **number 8 nails** for the **Cheapo Construction Company!**

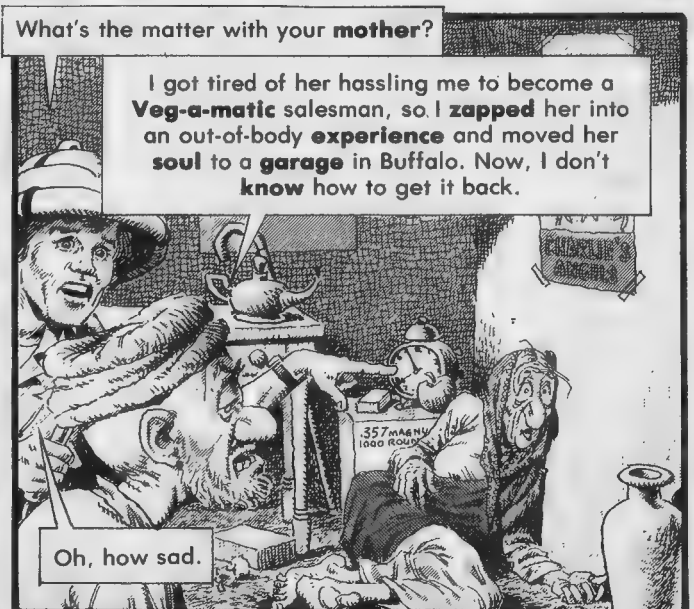
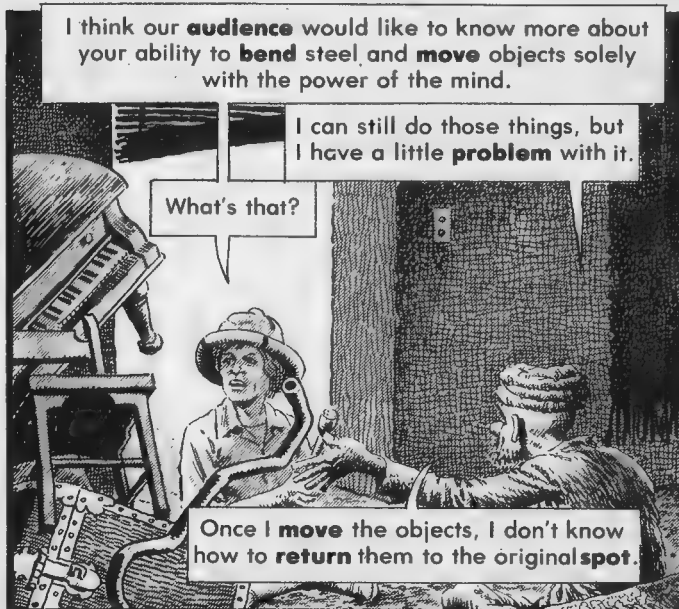
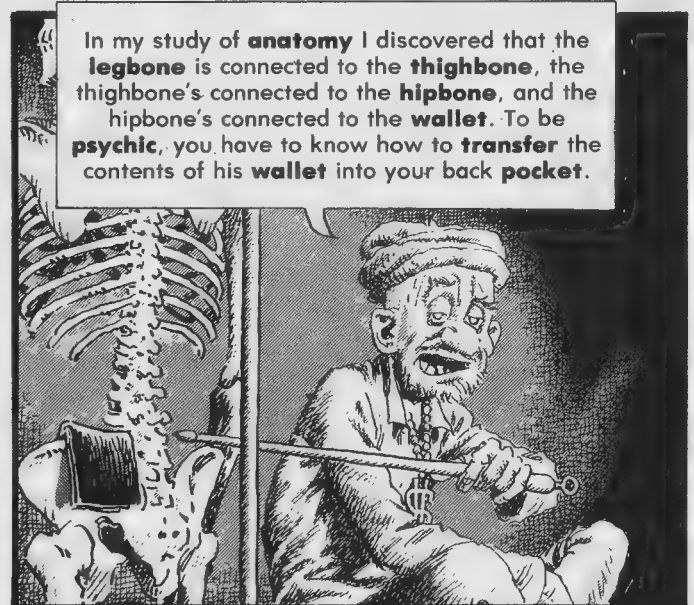
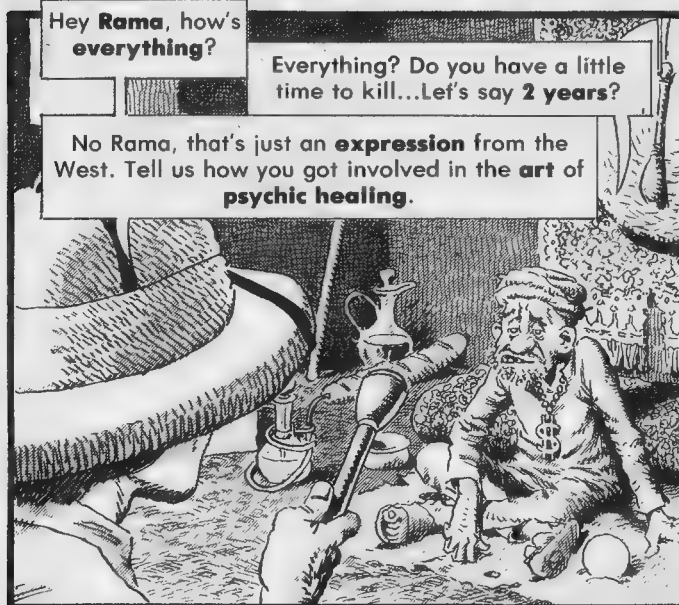
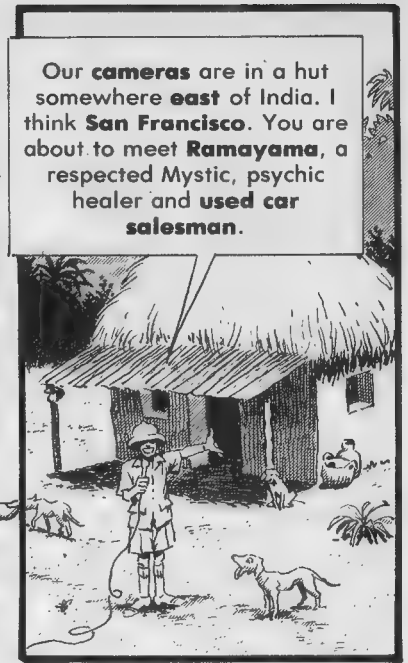
Do ju go out on **dates**?

As a matter of fact we are going to have a **double wedding** next Sunday.



Would you like to **meet** the girls?





Now I only use my **mystical** powers to help people. I can cure insomnia, the **common cold**, and even acute shortness.

Wow, that's **brilliant**.

I cured a man who was suffering from chronic **migraine** headaches. It's weird because he was the president of **Excedrin** aspirins.

What was your **remedy**?

I told him to take two **Bufferin** and call me in the morning.

Is there **anything** that you can't cure?

Unfortunately, there is. **BALDNESS AND TEENAGE ACNE**. However, I am making some **headway** on my new no-hair treatment.

What is it?

Hats.

We've just about run out of time and besides our writers' hand is getting cramped. I want to thank you Rama for granting us this interview. It's been a real **uplifting** experience.

The pleasure's been all mine.

We ask our viewers to send us in mail if they see or read of anything out of the ordinary. **Mrs. Outhouse** writes that she saw in last week's newspaper an obituary notice that said: Man **Dies** at 32; **Buried** at 29.

That's **IN CRADLE BULL**.

You mean **INCREDIBLE**.

And as usual, Mrs. Outhouse, we'll be sending you one of our **REAL INCREDIBLE PEOPLE** frisbees.

This is Chair.

Jolly Davison,

And Sahara Prucell saying good night and hoping you join us next week on **REAL INCREDIBLE PEOPLE** when we'll meet the owner of a humor magazine that was **dumb** enough to do a satire on us and still remain a huge success in the marketplace.

**TH'END**

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Besides breathing polluted air, eating food which has been sprayed with pesticides, and making fun of uncoordinated people, there is one other thing we Americans have in common and that's...listening to the radio. And because of this, radio has become a big business. Everyday, more and more high paying jobs open up in the broadcasting field. And because we care about your future, we're now going to tell you how YOU can take advantage of these opportunities as we present

# CRACKED'S CAREER GUIDE FOR DISC JOCKEYS

Before we examine the role of the disc jockey at today's modern radio station, let's take a brief look back to see what it was like before radio was invented.

Back then, people had to rely upon other methods if they wanted to hear music.



Now this was fine, except if you were at the beach, especially on a windy day.



Yes, the early radio stations were primitive.

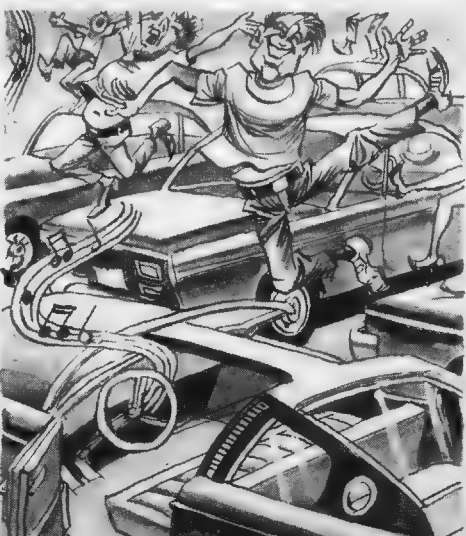


Today, equipment has been perfected, but radio is still a source of controversy.

Teachers argue that it's responsible for their students getting lower grades, because while doing their homework...



Automobile drivers are, however, supporters because radio can turn a rush hour traffic jam into a "fun experience."



Some businesses also love it.



But you're only 26! How could you have lost your hearing?

HEARING AIDS

STICK IT IN YOUR EAR, AND ENJOY AN ICE COLD BEER

After radio shows finally caught on with Americans, the host, also known as the 'disc jockey' became one of the most respected and well-paid figures in America. Everybody wanted his job, and now you, the CRACKED reader, are in luck, because the rest of this manual will concentrate on teaching you how to succeed in the radio business.

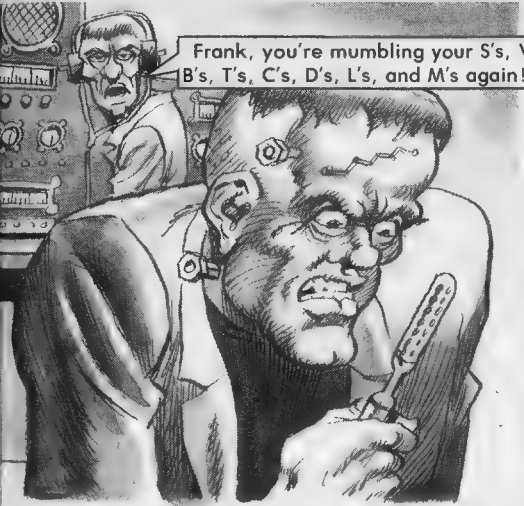
First, what is a disc jockey? He's simply a broadcaster.



Not that type, dummy!!

Of course, not everyone can be a disc jockey. Only people with special abilities are suited for the job.

All aspiring DJ s should be good talkers. Those that aren't, just won't make it.



As a disc jockey, it will be your job to serve the latest hit records to the public.



And DJ s should be able to organize records so they can grab and play them at a moment's notice.



Every week, record companies will send you hundreds of new releases and you must carefully choose.



The DJ must also know how to work with electricity, because in case of a blackout, it will be his responsibility to locate the short in the system.



Getting the job: Playing music all day long sounds like a great way to earn a living. And no doubt you are now asking yourself, "How can I get such an easy job?"

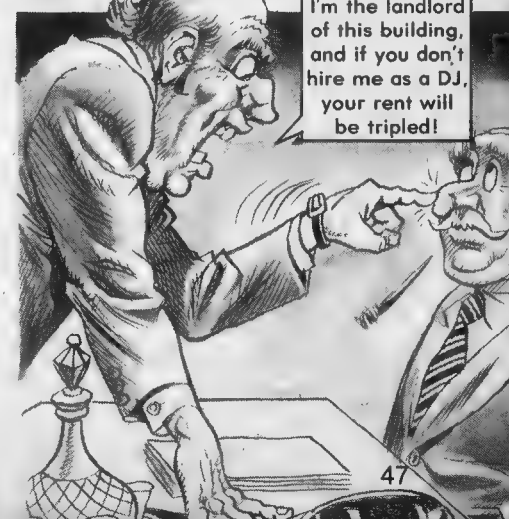
First, send a resume to the station where you'd like to work. Including a photograph is helpful...



If the station owner likes you, he will then ask you to send a tape.



When applying for a job as a DJ, other factors may also enter into the picture.



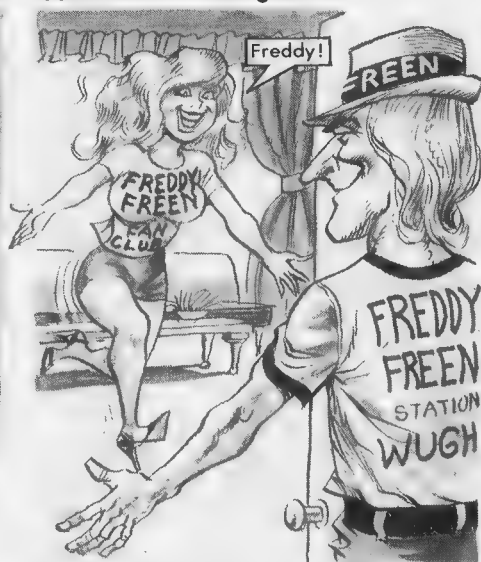
Keeping the job: Now you're probably asking yourself, "Once I get the job, how do I keep it?"

This in part, will depend upon how many fans you have...

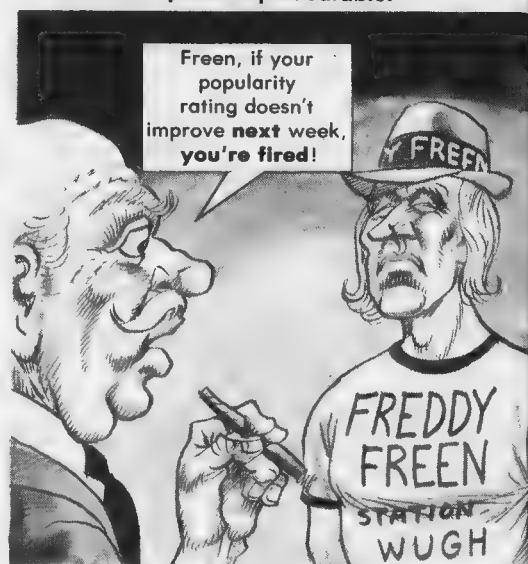


...but not these kind!

To maintain your popularity, you will have to make many personal appearances. Some good...



...others not quite as pleasurable.



Although you will no doubt become famous and wealthy, there are certain risks.

One such hazard is the record shelves.



And because DJ's must wear heavy headphones during the entire show...

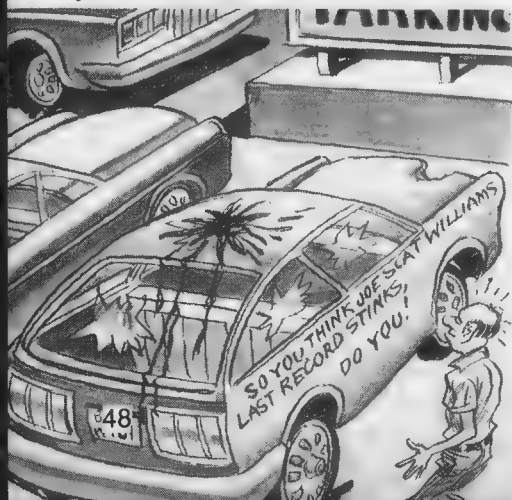


...this may cause some unsightly after effects.



Miscellaneous: There are still a few more things we haven't mentioned.

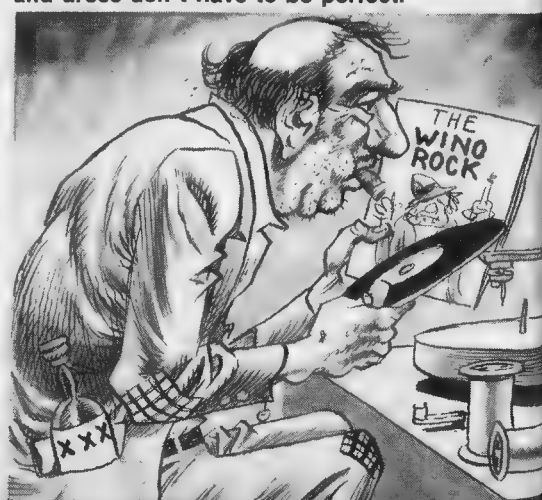
During your show, you must be careful not to offend your listeners. Otherwise, at the end of the day, you'll discover...



If the tone arm of the turntable breaks down during a song, you must quickly find a creative solution.



And since your listeners don't see you during your show, your grooming and dress don't have to be perfect.





One more question still remains, 'Do you have the aptitude for the job?' To find out the answer, take the following...

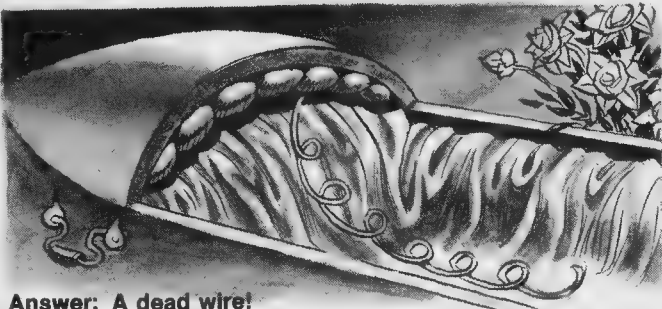
## DISC JOCKEY APTITUDE TEST

Sledgehammers are very popular with DJ s because after playing the same records all week, they often feel like...



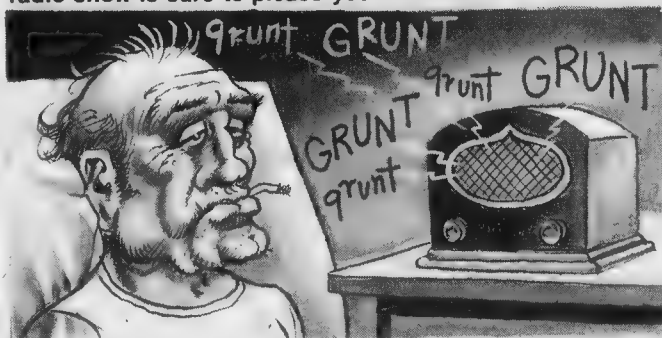
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This is the most frequent cause of electrical problems at a radio station. What is it?



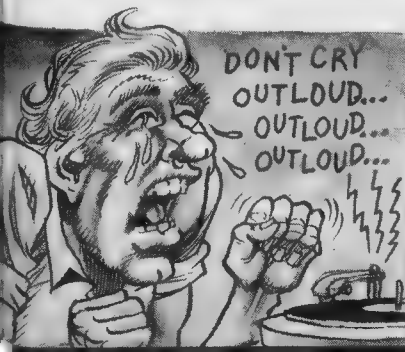
Answer: A dead wire!

An arm wrestling contest between two guests on your radio show is sure to please your listeners.



☐ True ☐ False

If a record you are playing becomes stuck in a groove, and the same word plays over and over, you should...



A. Lift the needle off the turntable, and continue to sing the rest of the song by yourself.

B. Push the record needle deeper into the groove.

C. Cry

Scoring:

If all of your answers were correct, you pass. If not, you failed.

Now that you have demonstrated that you have the aptitude for a career as a radio announcer, it's time to make your big move and apply for the job. To do this, simply fill out the following...

## APPLICATION FORM TO BE A DISC JOCKEY

...and then mail it  
to your favorite radio station.  
We're sure you'll be hired immediately.



1) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

2) Medical History: Check the illnesses below which you've previously had:

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night Fever \_\_\_\_\_ Freak Out  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bad Blood \_\_\_\_\_ Double Vision  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hot Legs \_\_\_\_\_ Heart of Glass  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hippy Hippy Shakes

3) Mental History: Would you describe yourself as weird?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Krelbesh

4) Bad Habits (Be Honest): I crack my knuckles...

\_\_\_\_\_ Often \_\_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_\_ Only when a nut cracker is handy

5) Work Attitude: I believe in...

\_\_\_\_\_ Business before pleasure  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pleasure before business  
\_\_\_\_\_ Soup before salad

6) I feel that I am qualified to be a DJ at your station because (check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ I always talk to imaginary people.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I'm a member of a minority group.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I'm a good sitter! I've sat in detention for more hours than any other kid in my high school.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Papa was a rolling stone, wherever he laid his hat was his home.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other.

7) Does anyone in your family own this radio station?

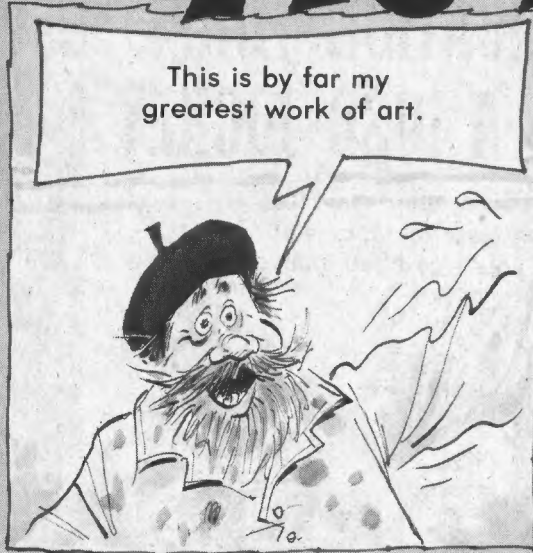
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Note: If the answer to the above question is yes, then you are to report to work tomorrow morning at 9:00!

# SHUT-UPS



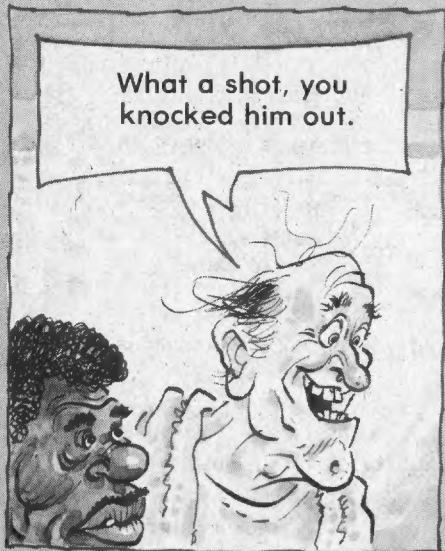
This is by far my greatest work of art.



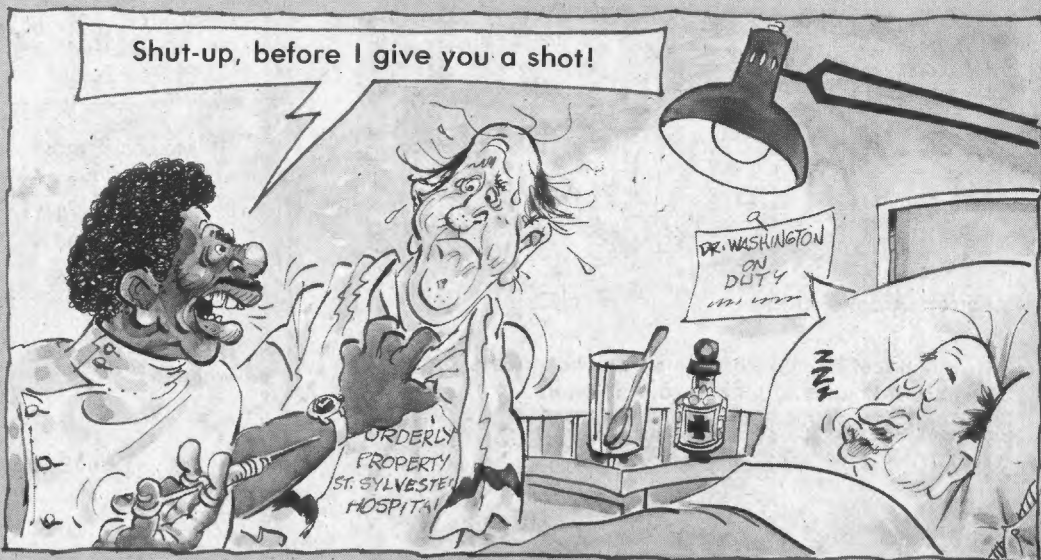
Shut-up already, you've been painting my house for 2 years!!



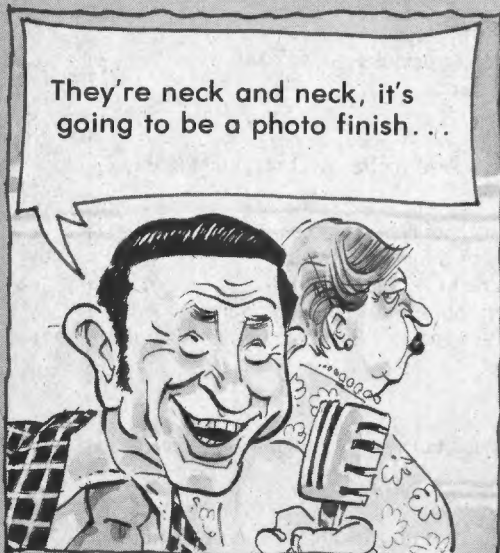
What a shot, you knocked him out.



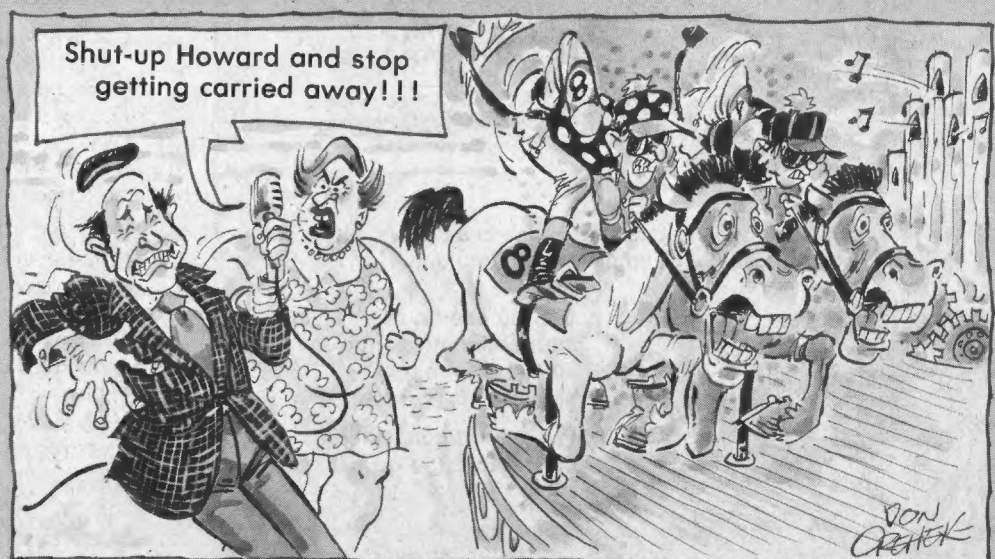
Shut-up, before I give you a shot!



They're neck and neck, it's going to be a photo finish...



Shut-up Howard and stop getting carried away!!!



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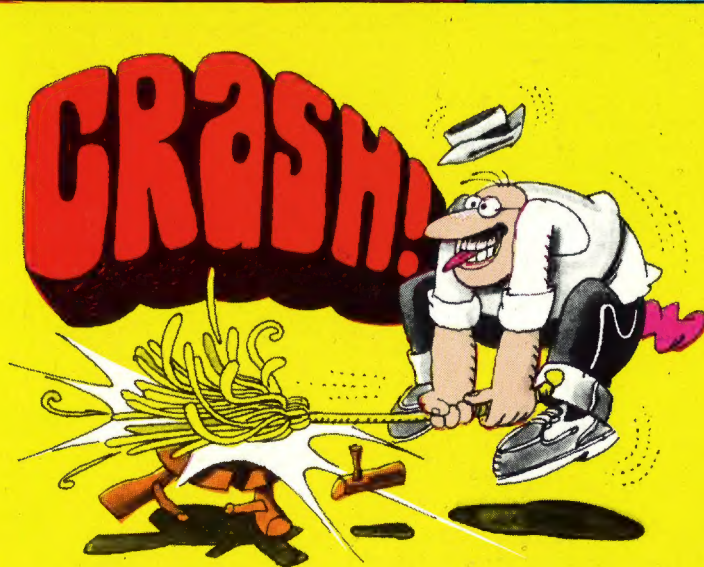
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**CRISIS!**

**ERGY TO CLEAN IT !!**



# THE MAN AND THE BEAST





**THIS ROOM  
HAS BEEN AFFECTED  
BY THE  
ENERGY CRISIS!**

**I DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO CLEAN IT!!**